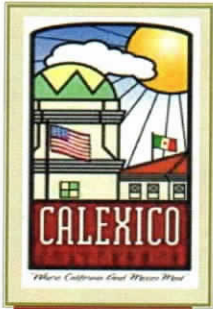


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# *Calexico City Council*



# *Proclamation*

## *Recognizing Survival Aid Organizations Serving the Unhoused Community in Calexico*

*WHEREAS*, the rising cost of living in concert with other developing socioeconomic factors in the national and global economies have unfolded into deepening inequalities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century producing the rising of homelessness across the state and the nation; and

*WHEREAS*, Calexico renters, homeowners and low-income homeowners more specifically face a cost of housing to income ratio "housing burden" across various measurements included in SCAG's (Southern California Association of Governments) most recent Pre-Certified Local Housing, citing 5-year estimates from the American Community Survey from 2014-2018. Updated for April 2021; and

*WHEREAS*, California Department of Education DataQuest figures show Calexico Unified serving high indices of homeless students in our community; and

*WHEREAS*, people without housing are human beings with equal rights guaranteed to every person in the nation under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; and

*WHEREAS*, border communities experience unique economic dynamics that mask the true magnitude of U.S.-originated homelessness due to the availability of more affordable housing in Mexicali available to U.S. citizens despite Mexican residency requirements; and

*WHEREAS*, the transfer of underhoused and unhoused individuals to the Mexicali housing market causes devastating gentrification for Mexican nationals without access to sources of income in dollars, devastating environmental impacts from the loose construction regulations on the Mexican side and the increase of daily vehicular idling hours at the border; and

*WHEREAS*, the regional Southern California housing crisis brings migrations of unhoused and underhoused people to our County from larger cities; and

*WHEREAS*, a regional approach to serving those aforementioned people is needed on both sides of the border; and

*WHEREAS*, survival aid organizations like Brown Bag Coalition, youth-led Familias Del Valle, Calexico Needs Change and Imperial Valley Black Lives Matter tirelessly distribute survival food, hydration, equipment and information; and

*WHEREAS*, the aforementioned survival aid organizations serve as a bridge to resources where local bureaucracies have failed to reach the intended recipients of their programs; and

*WHEREAS*, the aforementioned survival aid groups operate with the full support of the Calexico community evident in the volume of donations they garner; and

*WHEREAS*, Familias Del Valle under its Valle Vota branch worked to politically enfranchise the entire community of which homeless individuals are an equal part of; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Javier Moreno, Mayor of the City of Calexico, recognize the following survival aid organizations for their life-saving work serving and elevating the voices of unhoused and underhoused communities in Calexico and Countywide: Familias Del Valle, Brown Bag Coalition, Calexico Needs Change, & Imperial County Black Lives Matter

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto affix my signature and Official Seal of the City of Calexico on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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*Javier Moreno, Mayor*