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  - ◇ Advocate with City Council to find ways to offer additional support and subsidies for non-profits that provide essential human services in the community.
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  - ◇ The county is currently examining policy options to ensure that all employees within the county are paid a living wage.
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  - ◇ Support the coalition led by Got Green that would benefit communities with higher poverty and unemployment rates.
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