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Hello, my name is Jose Christian Garduno Camorlinga. I'm commenting on Agenda Item B.I ARPA Study Session. I stand with youth leaders urging the Merced City Council to fund youth futures by directing \$2.5 million dollars towards a guaranteed income program for young people and \$500,000 dollars to create a jobs program specifically for 100 Merced high school youth.

Investing in young people is an investment in our collective futures that will be felt throughout this crisis and benefit all of California for generations to come. We've already seen successful implementation of Universal Basic Income programs in other Central Valley communities such as Stockton. Now more than ever, we need to find our futures and invest in our young people. Thank you.

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