

Susan Gauthier

From: Thomas Wolf
To: City Council
Date: 05/26/2020 1:31 PM
Subject: Public comments for 5/26/20 meeting

Dear City Council Members and Mayor,

These comments are for your upcoming meeting on Tuesday 5/26/2020. This is in regards to the Bluestem Commons development.

Once again I have no issue with a residential development in this area. However, I do have concerns with the density of this development. You are currently entertaining rules changes to allow for this development, well after these issues related to it's housing types and density were brought to your attention at multiple meetings. There was no discussion at meetings regarding this issue between council members. Now after this has taken place, in tonight's meeting you are looking to change the rules, then allow the final reading and approval for this development. Multiple pieces need to fall into place at one single meeting to allow this development to proceed. This appears to be a very unusual way to conduct council business. As it is proposed it does not follow in line with the Fremont Comprehensive Plan. If at any point the rules can or need to be changed once a development is planned (platted, brought through the Planning Commission and approved), why even have rules or a Comprehensive Plan at all? There is no buffer between agricultural land and the single most dense development in Fremont (the proposed Bluestem Commons). The plan specifically states "higher intensity uses MUST be screened, buffered and strategically located to minimize their effect".

I understand there is a need for additional affordable housing in Fremont. Once again I have no problem with a development in this area, but I would ask that this development has to follow the same rules that everyone before them has done with respect to following the Comprehensive Plan. I personally believe it will be setting a bad precedent that the rules might say one thing, but if you can get the votes, a developer can do whatever they would like. Please keep this in mind for future developments and city council members. The framework of the Comprehensive Plan has an important role in orderly development in Fremont and I would urge you to follow it and not change the rules to accommodate Bluestem Commons as currently proposed.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Wolf

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From: Nitya Awasthi
To: City Council
Date: 05/26/2020 1:36 PM
Subject: Shorten summer vacations/close in Fall instead

Hello!

I really would like to appreciate FUSD teachers taking so much effort to get up to speed with technology and providing distance learning. My kids in mission valley have teachers who are doing a fantastic job(Ms.Aidun, Mr.Rivera). However, my kids are missing the personal interaction and school outdoor activities. I hope school can resume in Fall with at least some in-school presence (in-person learning). Ideally since kids have missed school for so long, it would be great if summer vacations can be shortened. I heard of one School district in the Bay Area opening on July 20th. Opening schools early will enable kids to have some in-person experience(even if distance learning needs to be continued to an extent). Also most importantly it may make it possible to close school instead from thanksgiving to new year. This is when the 2nd wave of Covid-19 is predicated and this will keep kids safer and minimize interactions during Flu season.

Hope this can be worked out!

Thanks and regards

Nitya (Fusd-mission valley school parent)