

*This past year marked many changes to the City organization including changing from at-large City Council elections to district elections, streamlining City finances, and updating the technology behind both citizen and employee-facing systems. These measures will save Fremont and its residents money, improve the efficiency of City infrastructure, and improve the safety of citizens in emergency situations.*

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In the November 2018 election, voters will participate in the first district-based election when four City Council seats will be up for election. City of Fremont voters will elect City Council candidates that live in their districts only. Councilmembers will be elected according to the following timetable:

District	Seat up for Election	Number of Years to Serve	Current Councilmember
District 1	November 2018	2-Year Term*	Vacant
District 2	November 2018	4-Year Term	Rick Jones
District 3	November 2018	4-Year Term	David Bonaccorsi
District 4	November 2018	4-Year Term	Vacant
District 5	November 2020	4-Year Term	Raj Salwan
District 6	November 2020	4-Year Term	Vacant

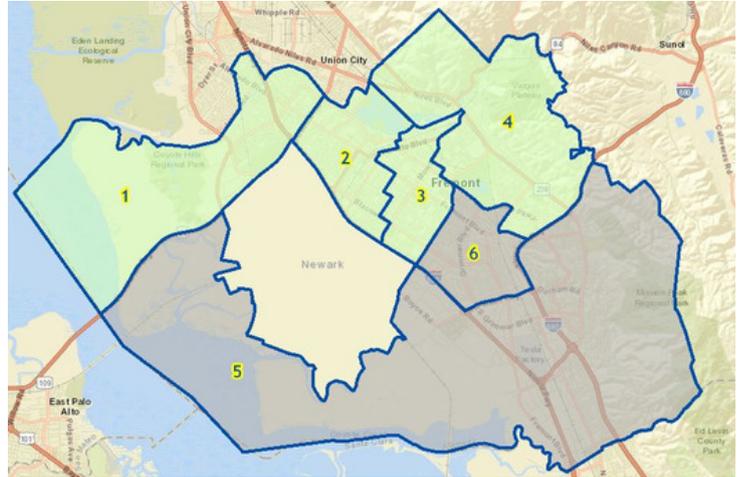
\* In November 2020, the District 1 seat will become a 4-year term.

**Notes:** 1) When the Mayor's four-year term expires in 2020, it will be filled by an at-large election of all city voters. 2) Councilmember Vinnie Bacon will remain an at-large councilmember until his term expires in November 2020.

This includes District 1 (Northwest portion of the city — two-year term), District 2 (Central north portion — four-year term), District 3 (Central portion — four-year term), and District 4 (Eastern portion — four-year term). Voters residing in Districts 1 through 4 will be casting

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a vote for their Councilmember representative in 2018. In the November 2020 election, voters in District 1, 5, and 6 will each elect a City Councilmember and voters citywide will elect the Mayor, which remains an at-large position.



## SAVED GENERAL FUND OVER \$500,000 ANNUALLY THROUGH BOND REFUNDING

The City refinanced almost all of its General Fund debt through the issuance of index-rate lease revenue bonds in April 2017 and fixed-rate lease revenue bonds in August 2017. The April issuance of \$85,205,000 consolidated what had been four separate variable-rate financings into a

single borrowing that is expected to save \$190,000 annually during the first three and one-half years. The August issuance of \$19,725,000 will result in over \$400,000 of annual savings for the next twenty-one years.

## REDUCED PROPERTY TAX BILLS BY REFUNDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

In addition to refinancing General Fund debt, the City also issued \$12,215,000 of general obligation refunding bonds in August 2017. The debt service on these bonds is paid by property owners on their annual tax bill, and the refunding is expected to translate to a reduction of over 7.5% in the general obligation bond component of future property tax bills.



## BUDGETED IMPROVEMENTS TO IT SERVICES

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The City's Information Technology Services (ITS) Department made strategic and important updates in 2017. This includes an upgrade of the core network infrastructure to a faster backbone that supports higher demand for video and bandwidth-intensive applications. Additionally, together with the Community Development Department, ITS implemented the new Accela Automation land management (permitting) system to improve the processes and communications between departments and field staff internally; and between citizens, developers, the County Assessor and more externally.

In partnership with the Transportation Engineering Division, additional enhancements were made to increase the traffic network from 10 Mbps to speeds up to 1000 Mbps. This allows the Transportation Engineers to reliably manage the signal lights and move vehicles throughout Fremont more efficiently. Further, as part of the City's disaster recovery plan, ITS implemented a cloud-based disaster recovery solution to ensure that critical business systems remain operational after a disaster, including financial, human resources, and permit applications.

Finally, the City transitioned to a new mass notification service, AC Alert, by replacing the CodeRED® system on February 1, 2018. The AC Alert system is Alameda County's Emergency Notification System that covers Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont,

Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City, and unincorporated areas. The system is used to notify residents and businesses of situations that pose imminent threats to life or health. With the new system, notifications can be sent to targeted geographic areas, the entire city, or county, depending on the scope of the emergency situation and includes the ability to use the nation's alert and warning infrastructure, Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS), which provides public safety officials with an effective way to alert and warn the public about serious emergencies using public alerting systems from a single interface.

