

## Susan Gauthier

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**From:** sai n <sainathn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:56 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** Denise Mapelli  
**Subject:** Frank Fisher Park - Public safety risk to Forest Park Elementary

Hello,

Can you please include this communication in today's public comment?

I am writing to ask that the City of Fremont urgently address risks to children attending Forest Park Elementary school due to open unfettered access from Frank Fisher Park, which is adjacent to the school campus.

There have been incidents of transients coming close to children during school hours, and FPD / SRO response has either been delayed or in some cases non-existent. Also, there are reports of human waste on school grounds, near the locked restroom facilities.

The restroom at the far side of the school intended for student use tends to get misused. There are reports of human excrement outside the locked restrooms, putting the health and safety of students, teachers and administrators at great risk. You will agree that it is also not fair to expect custodians to have to bear the burden of cleaning up, simply because the Frank Fisher Park operates with no public restroom facilities.

Specifically:

1. Children in 3rd grade (eg rooms 209, 214 etc) are exposed to great risk given there is no fence between the school buildings and public park. Also students designated as "door monitors" particularly put themselves at increased risk, since they need to open doors without the benefit of being able to see who is on the other side.

Recent reports of people being held up / robbed at gunpoint during broad daylight near Crandallwood Dr further add to our concerns, and are a reminder that we simply can't be complacent as a community because "the CFS numbers don't indicate a high risk". You will agree that we as a collective community must explore and act on all avenues to keep our children safe and well.

Path to Resolution:

In speaking with the City, I have been told that this should be an agenda item for an upcoming meeting between the City of Fremont and FUSD Board. I hope that the City and FUSD Board will both recognize the underlying interest and merit of this issue, and help prioritize suitable actions with the level of urgency and commitment needed to reinstate public confidence.

It does appear the FUSD / City liaison meetings do tend to get cancelled quite frequently (e.g. 8/23/2022 meeting was cancelled).

I look forward to a response from the City of Fremont.

Kind regards,

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Fremont, CA

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**From:** Julia Shih <JuliaShih@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:51 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** Teresa Cox  
**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting 9/13/22

Dear City Council,

I am writing this public comment to express my concern in regards to corruption and misappropriation of city funds. As you know, our former city manager Mark Danaj has been indicted on felony charges of embezzlement and fraud. To date, the mayor and city council have refused to address this concern, as well as the financial implications of how much could have potentially been embezzled through theft, bad contracts, and/or unnecessary projects in exchange for kickbacks, political pro quo, or other financial or material benefit. Seeing as city funds are funded by our tax dollars, we have a right to know how much of our funds were misused or paid out for personal or political rather than city benefit. It is critical that we hold all involved accountable as well as seek restitution, particularly before Danaj's criminal case is decided, as we do not fully know the extent of the embezzlement without an audit. I respectfully request that the City of Fremont actively seek an independent investigation into Mark Danaj's tenure at the City of Fremont, including a forensic audit of all accounting, spending, communications, and contracts. Because Mark Danaj is being prosecuted by DA Nancy O'Malley's office, is represented by her brother, and DA O'Malley had been an official endorsement of Lily Mei's Senate campaign until recently removed from the website, the DA's office represents a conflict of interest. It is important that the investigation be conducted by either the CA Attorney General's office, or by an investigative body based on the CA AG's recommendation to ensure that all involved or with knowledge will be held accountable.

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Regards,



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**From:** Padma Gopalakrishnan <gopalpadma@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:51 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Transparency and accountability

Dear city council members,

I understand that capt Bobbitt's family has filed a liability case with WCAB regarding how he was retaliated against by Mark Danaj. I urge the city council to be transparent about what happened and show accountability by clearing his good name. He deserves this for serving the community with sincerity. It pains me even more to hear that his death may have been a suicide related to the mental trauma he suffered.

Sincerely,  
Padma

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**From:** HahnFam4 <hahncycles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:32 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting 9/13/22

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Regards,

Mike Hahn

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**From:** Eric Thomas <erictho@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Public Comment for the Upcoming 7 PM City Council Meeting 09/13/22

Dear Council:

I am writing this public comment to express my concern in regard to possible corruption and the potential misappropriation of city funds. As you know, our former city manager Mark Danaj has been indicted on felony charges of embezzlement and fraud. To date, the mayor and city council have refused to address this concern, as well as the financial implications of how much could have potentially been embezzled through theft, bad contracts, and/or unnecessary projects in exchange for kickbacks, political pro quo, or other financial or material benefit.

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Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

-Eric

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**From:** Nicole Doerner <ndoerner19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:37 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting 9/13/22

Dear Council Members,

As a Fremont resident for over 38 years I would like to know why Mark Danaj was paid a large severance payment after he resigned. Not disclosing this information to the public by referencing an NDA is inappropriate.

Kind Regards,  
Nicole Doerner



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**From:** Eve P. <evphe1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 1:37 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Conflict of interest

Dear members,

I'm a long time Fremont resident and am extremely interested in this resolution regarding the conflict of interest.

There are many things that go along with this exposure. The big thing is ethics. While this topic is often ignored because it's difficult to legislate, it is the crux of civic duty and needs public input and awareness.

I would also very much like to see a forensic examination of the details of our previous city manager termination. It has never been explained why he was charged with embezzlement , terminated and my tax dollars were awarded to him for over 300k. I would like that explained.

Evelyn Phelps  
Resident

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**From:** Michael Alex <michaelalex94536@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:30 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting 9/13/22

Dear City Council,

I am writing this public comment to express my concern in regards to corruption and misappropriation of city funds. As you know, our former city manager Mark Danaj has been indicted on felony charges of embezzlement and fraud. To date, the mayor and city council have refused to address this concern, as well as the financial implications of how much could have potentially been embezzled through theft, bad contracts, and/or unnecessary projects in exchange for kickbacks, political pro quo, or other financial or material benefit. Seeing as city funds are funded by our tax dollars, we have a right to know how much of our funds were misused or paid out for personal or political rather than city benefit. It is critical that we hold all involved accountable as well as seek restitution, particularly before Danaj's criminal case is decided, as we do not fully know the extent of the embezzlement without an audit. I respectfully request that the City of Fremont actively seek an independent investigation into Mark Danaj's tenure at the City of Fremont, including a forensic audit of all accounting, spending, communications, and contracts. Because Mark Danaj is being prosecuted by DA Nancy O'Malley's office, is represented by her brother, and DA O'Malley had been an official endorsement of Lily Mei's Senate campaign until recently removed from the website, the DA's office represents a conflict of interest. It is important that the investigation be conducted by either the CA Attorney General's office, or by an investigative body based on the CA AG's recommendation to ensure that all involved or with knowledge will be held accountable.

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Virtually every one I know is voting for Aisha Wahab in the upcoming Senate election. Why? Complete lack of transparency and accountability on the part of Lily Mei and her cronies. Most incumbents in Fremont elections will be ousted in November for the same reason.

Regards,

Dr. Michael Alex

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**From:** Rupa Singh <rupa.singh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 9:56 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
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