September 12, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2596 (Low) Lunar New Year holiday Request for Signature – City of Fremont

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Fremont, I write to respectfully request your signature on AB 2596 (Low), which would recognize Lunar New Year as a state holiday and authorizes eligible state employees to elect to receive eight hours of holiday credit for that date in lieu of receiving eight hours of personal credit.

Not only would your signature on this bill serve as recognition of the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in Asian American and other cultures, it would also set an important precedent – by saying that California stands in solidarity with the Asian American community against targeted hate and violence.

Thank you for your consideration, and once again I respectfully request your signature on AB 2596.

Sincerely,

Lily Mei Mayor of Fremont

Cc: The Honorable Evan Low, California State Assembly