

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Shobas Moothy <shobas95@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:43 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Jerry Kessan; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Teresa Cox
Subject: Annie for HRC

Dear Mayor and Council members,

As a former HRC member I'm writing to you to request that you consider appointing Annie Koruga to the Fremont HRC. She is young, hardworking, dedicated and passionate about representing the values our city stands for. Given a chance she would do a phenomenal job and be a great addition to our city's HRC.

Sincerely,

Shobana Ramamurthi

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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From: vany@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:51 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public comment, 4/18 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor, Vice-mayor, City Council members,

4 new pickleball courts were opened this last weekend at the Fremont Tennis Center. This is great except for the fact that you must pay to use them. It seems that the Rec. dept. was able to get those courts opened SO quickly (painting lines in a day and purchasing portable nets) when there's REVENUE to be made. But suggestions from the Fremont pickleball community on the quickest and most cost effective way to provide more FREE pickleball courts have been ignored. That being converting Centerville tennis courts into pickleball courts.

The proposed PB courts at the Knoll site, I understand is being put out now for bids. The estimated completion date was for the end of 2023 but already there's word that it will be even more delayed. Delay and delay, many cities surrounding Fremont have already made free PB courts available to their community by converting tennis courts to PB courts.

The Rec. dept. has said they do not want to impact tennis players by converting courts. But this seems very disingenuous when they did exactly that, when the 4 new PB courts were opened at FTC. 1 tennis court was taken away from tennis and 4 PB courts was the outcome. But because about twice the revenue can be made by charging for 4 PB courts vs 1 tennis court, this seems to be ok for the Rec. dept.

Tennis players already have over 100% service level in Fremont with many parks having tennis courts and several with lights for night play. That's all the PB community wants, free dedicated courts with the amenities of lights for play up to 10 pm, restrooms and parking. Exactly what's available to tennis players now.

Tennis players in other communities have had to deal with the loss of tennis courts to pickleball. Why are the tennis players in Fremont so special that the city can't reduce their court numbers to allow for a sport that has seen such growth and demand ?!

Making Centerville Community Park into a dedicated Pickleball center for Fremont is such a good thing. Another possibility is to have pickleball at Centerville until the larger PB center at Pacific Commons and/or Stevenson is built. Put in portable nets and paint lines, then when the larger permanent PB center is opened, Centerville courts can be returned to tennis courts.

Thank you for your time,
Virginia Moy

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From: Vikki Pummer <vikkipummer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 1:31 PM
To: Clerk; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Kery; Desrie Campbell; Jenny Kessan; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment for April 18, 2023 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 7B1 Appointment to Advisory Bodies

Dear Mayor Mei and Council Members,

I'm writing to recommend the appointment of Annie Koruga to the Human Relations Commission. I have gotten to know Annie through their advocacy work and commitment to equality during our latest school board election. I am constantly in awe of the dedication Annie has to our community and the knowledge that they process about the often complex processes of the government.

I've noticed during my decade of living in Fremont that there are many people in our city who just complain about things and do not have a bit of understanding about how our governance works and how change actually happens. Our community needs more people who are knowledgeable about our city and committed to inclusivity and bringing all our citizens together for the common goal of making Fremont the best city it can be.

Annie is a strongly committed individual to every cause that they are part of. They are always open to discussing their advocacy work and very eager to assist others in becoming more civically engaged.

Annie is the right choice for the Human Relations Commission and will be an amazing voice for the youth of our community, LGBTQ+, and all those who seek to celebrate and elevate our diversity in Fremont.

Thank you for your time,

Vikki Pummer

Fremont resident, FUSD committee member and PTA member

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Yogi Chugh <yogichugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:17 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Annie Koriega - Human Relations Vacancy

Dear Mayor Mei and City Council Members

Annie K has submitted an application for a vacancy on the Human Relations Commission. Over the last years I have known and worked with Annie I have seen the exemplary dedication to creating a compassionate community environment where diversity is honored and respected. I strongly believe Annie will serve with honor and distinction and will carry the ideals of the human relations commission towards supporting our citizens and enhancing the quality of life for all of our residents. I sincerely hope that Annie can be considered for an appointment to the Human Relations Commission and I recommend Annie strongly.

Sincerely,

Yogi Chugh
510-209-0317

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Allyson McAuley <amcauley@fusk12.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 11:28 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public comment - HRC appointment

Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Fremont and public school teacher here since 2003, I am writing to encourage you to appoint Annie Koruga to the Human Relations Commission.

Annie lives in my neighborhood, but I actually got to know Annie through a number of community events and programs before I moved into my current house. I have developed enormous respect for their hard work, responsibility, and level of care for the community. For example, Annie was a leading advocate for the Homeless Navigation Center when it was being built and has continued to support Fremont's unhoused residents tirelessly over the past several years. They have spoken eloquently at the school board for issues that matter to our educational system, and advocated for some of our most vulnerable students. I attended an event that Annie was organizing, and I was so impressed to see the clear and efficient way that they shared their expertise and gave instructions about what to do to a bunch of much older adults.

As a teacher, Annie gives me so much hope for the future in the way that Annie takes the time to become educated about the details of issues in our local community and take action on them. As a teacher, this is our dream, that young people will not only educate themselves but then take that knowledge and use it to become involved and engaged in their own community. I have met all of you at various times since I've worked in Fremont, and I know that you share that dream with me.

Annie not only has compassion and empathy for some of our community's most vulnerable members, but they are well-informed, hard-working, and dedicated to taking positive action *through* the political system rather than simply protesting outside of it, which many of our young people unfortunately believe to be the only option when they have issues that they care about improving. Annie has great communication skills and the ability to collaborate with a range of people of all ages, genders, professions, and backgrounds. Young adults like Annie are the best of our future.

I have a more personal stake in this as well, because after I moved here in 2003 most of my family followed me here! My mother now rents a house in Niles and my brother and sister in law are new homeowners in the Cabrillo neighborhood, raising my two nieces, aged 4.5 and 3 months. My brother works for the city in waste management and cares very much about the sustainability and the future of Fremont as well. Having someone like Annie serving on a committee to make sure that the rights of all groups are respected makes me feel proud of the community that my two little nieces are being raised in, and where my mom is enjoying her 70th decade.

Annie is a perfect fit to uphold the HRC's mission statement "The HRC promotes, supports, and helps create a compassionate community environment where diversity is honored and respected, neighbors reach out and support each other, and the most vulnerable receive services; to allow all a high quality of life in a community where we live, learn, work, and play in peace and harmony." Please appoint Annie to the HRC!

Sincerely,

Allyson McAuley
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Pronouns: she/her/hers

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Alberto Quintanilla

From: Mac Madare <macmadare@grail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:02 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment - Human Relations Commission Appointment

Dear City Council

I am writing to you to recommend Annie Koruga for the vacancy on the Human Relationship Commission.

I have worked with Ms. Koruga in a number of capacities including:

- Advocating for the Housing Navigation Center and the Safe Parking Program
- Founding Fremont for Everyone and serving on the Leadership Team
- Serving on the SRO Task force for the Fremont Unified School District
- Creating a helpful, culturally competent resource list of community services for the diverse needs of Fremont residents

In all that time, I have seen how mature, thoughtful and hard-working Ms. Koruga is. She cares about Fremont, is very knowledgeable about its services and committed to diversity, racial justice and systemic reform.

In addition, as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, Ms. Koruga has first-hand experience with one of the communities that the Human Relations Communion serves.

The Human Relations Commissions would be enhanced by her participation and Fremont would be lucky to have her.

Sincerely,

Marie Hughes
Fremont Resident since 1994

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Lisa Danz <ldanz@gnail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 12:02 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa King; Desrie Campbell; Jenny Kessan; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Clerk
Subject: Public comment: Recommend Annie Koruga for Human Relations Commission

Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

I understand that Annie Koruga has applied to be on the Human Relations Commission, and I highly encourage you to appoint them to this role.

Annie is extremely active in our community. I've had the pleasure of working with them in several local groups, and I know that they are active in many more.

In particular, I work closely with Annie in the Fremont for Everyone leadership team and policy committee. They bring leadership skills such as facilitating meetings efficiently, taking good notes, and proactively bringing valuable topics to the conversation. They also have strong technical chops when it comes to public policy; they research bills thoroughly and ask deep probing questions to understand nuances and unintended consequences. They have connections to legislators and are often able to resolve their questions by asking the bill author directly. They argue passionately and respectfully for the policies they favor; I find that when Annie and I disagree about policy details, we're able to have a productive conversation because we both know that the other is coming from a place of good faith and a firm desire to make things better for our community and particularly for those most vulnerable.

Our group is lucky to have Annie, and Fremont's Human Relations Commission would be lucky to have them as well.

Sincerely,
Lisa Danz

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Christine Musselman <gmusselman@ahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 8:02 PM
To: citycouncil; Clerk; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Desrie Campbell; Jerry Kassar; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Lily Mei
Subject: Public Comment: Annie Koruga for Human Relations Commission

Dear Fremont City Council, City Clerk, and Mayor Lily Mei

I'm writing to you to highly support Annie Koruga for the vacant position on the Human Relations Commission. Annie have been involved in our community since their High School Days and continue to serve on multiple groups and organization. They are an outspoken part of Fremont for Everyone, Senator of Social Sciences at their college ASOC (Associated Students of Ohlone College), and were elected as the Recording Secretary of the Alameda County Democratic Party.

Back in 2018 / 2019 when I first met Annie, they were fighting for the Unhoused and helping to push for the Navigation Center in Fremont. Annie have remarkable intelligence, organization skills, and a passion for human rights, especially in their way of advocating for the rights of the unhoused, the weak and for groups who are historically discriminated against. Annie always advocate for diversity and inclusion in government; state and local; as I have witnessed them do in the past 3 - 4 years. They have relentless energy and drive and always take feedback in strive to learn and advance.

Annie can be a great asset to Fremont's HRC; they bring new perspective, fresh aggressive ideas and act with urgency. If I was recruiting for a go-getter, creative, inspirational individual, I would want Annie on my team.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at 510-593-4209.

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Leadership | Program Management | Diversity Champion |
510-593-4209

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From: Lynn Miller <20tufa20@grail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 9:11 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Kery; Desrie Campbell; Jerry Kessan; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan
Subject: A public comment for a new Commissioner

Dear Mayor Mei and Fremont City Council members,

Annie Koruga is seeking a spot on the Human Relations Commission and I believe she would be an asset on that board. Annie is a member of my church and has always cared deeply for human rights, dignity and inclusiveness for all. She is active in many civic groups and attentive to the needs of disadvantaged or disenfranchised people.

Thank you for your work and consideration,

***Lynn Miller, 1144 Kensington Drive
Fremont***

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Moina Shaiq <moinashaiq@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 4:45 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Communications

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Clerk,

I am writing to urge you to appoint Annie Koruga to the vacancy on the Human Relations Commission. As a civically engaged Muslim American and former Human Relations Commissioner, I understand the need for a diverse set of perspectives amongst our appointed leaders, especially in a community as diverse as Fremont. Annie will bring much needed perspectives and experience to our Human Relations Commission, as they are younger, LGBTQ+, and very active in a variety of community spaces.

Annie regularly shows up for and supports others, at community events, at City Council and School Board meetings, and interpersonally. They have a robust understanding of policy and governance, and this combination of experiences would greatly benefit the Human Relations Commission.

Best regards,

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Moina Shaiq