

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Jane Lin <jclin1225@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:21 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Please Promote Project HomeKey!

Dear Mayor Mei and Esteemed Councilmembers,

My name is Jane Lin and my family has lived in Fremont since 1974. I am a proud product of Fremont public schools, as is my 26 year-old daughter. I am also an FUSD substitute teacher and an active member of Fremont for Everyone, an affordable housing advocacy group.

As a longtime resident, I am truly committed to making Fremont a great place to live and work, and frankly, I am exasperated with my neighbors who claim to want to help with our deepening housing crisis, but are dismissive of viable solutions suggested by the City to try to alleviate some of these complex issues of homelessness.

One case in point has been the Housing Navigation Center. Another is Project HomeKey, the conversion of 156 units of Motel 6 into permanent and supportive affordable housing for our most vulnerable unhoused neighbors.

Under the capable leadership of Director Suzanne Shenfil and her caring team in the Human Services Division, who have done their homework through feasibility studies and research, we know that Project HomeKey is a "good bet". We should also be using state resources to make sure that families can have the security of having a roof over their heads.

We say that "home is where the heart is", but if our hearts are filled with anxiety and fear over the uncertainty of a more permanent housing situation, then we don't have much of a home. As an educator, I implore you to also consider the ramifications of a nomadic home life on our students' academic and emotional mental health.

As a longtime resident of Fremont, I look forward to seeing this city continue to grow and progress in a way that can truly be welcoming and a "Fremont for everyone".

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jane Lin
FUSD Substitute Teacher
Fremont for Everyone

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There are years that ask questions and years that answer.
Zora Neale Hurston

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Syeda Inamdar <scinamdar22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:20 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Re-sending: May 9, 2023 Item 6A: Support Project Honey

To: The Honorable Mayor Mei and Respected Council Members.

I am a long-term resident of Fremont, over 30 years, and have been saddened and dismayed to see the state of our unhoused neighbors and the growing crisis of homelessness. I appreciate the City of Fremont's efforts to address this crisis and strongly believe that for the sake of the health of our City, we need to do more.. The housing first model has shown much promise, especially when it includes supportive services and adequate funding for ongoing operating expenses. . City staff appear to have addressed these components to enable this project to be successful. I therefore am speaking in support of this application and related staff recommendations.

Thank you for your time.

S. Reshma Inamdar

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Lisa Danz <ldanz@grail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:10 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Support for May 9th Agenda Item 6A

Dear Fremont City Council,

Please support Project Homekey and accept staff recommendation for item 6A.

As you are well aware, we are living in a housing crisis with more and more people getting priced out of their homes, some being left with no better choice than to live in their vehicles or sleep on the street. We need a full-steam-ahead and multi-faceted response that addresses the many different angles of this challenge. But one of the very most important things, and something we'll never solve the crisis without, is having enough housing that people can afford.

Project Homekey addresses this key root cause of the crisis, at scale. The Motel 6 Project Homekey proposal would provide permanent supportive housing to a very significant percentage of our currently-unhoused population. With 866 unsheltered Fremont residents based on the 2022 point-in-time count, and with 156 new units coming online dedicated to housing this population, if we assume one person per unit (which is definitely not accurate but probably gives a reasonable ballpark), we're talking about housing 18% of our unhoused population. That's the kind of large-scale solution that we really need.

Project Homekey is also aligned with the housing-first best practices which are supported by research to keep people housed at a greater rate than other interventions. (Source: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6581117/>)

I'm grateful to city staff for lining up this opportunity for our city, and I strongly urge you to take advantage of it.

Please vote in favor of staff recommendation and implement Project Homekey.

Regards,
Lisa Danz

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Mac Madare <macmadare@grail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:37 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment for the Upcoming 7 PM City Council Meeting 05/09/23 - Item 6A

Dear City Council

I am writing to you in support of Project Homekey. This project is a cost-effective solution to providing permanent affordable housing to Fremont's currently unhoused and at-risk of being unhoused population. Our most recent PIT count showed 866 unsheltered individuals. With 156 units of housing, Project Homekey could take between 18 and 36% of these Fremont residents off the street!

The "housing first" model of solving homelessness is considered a best-practice and is shown by research to be more effective at keeping people housed than other models. Project Homekey is a well-established program in its third round of funding and has shown to be effective. Shangri-La Industries and Step Up on Second Street, Inc. have a proven track record of running these types of programs.

I understand that there is a vocal minority who object to this project because it is near where they live. However, these are the same people who complain on social media that the City Council (that is you), don't do anything to solve our homelessness crisis. But now that you are doing something, it's not good enough for reasons that don't hold up to much scrutiny in my opinion.

It should be noted that

(a) the majority of Fremont may not be as vocal but they do support your efforts to find housing for the unhoused

(b) the Motel 6 location is — as your staff has said — an ideal location for an affordable housing project — it is near many services in an area that is largely commercial and is separated from residential areas by geography including a freeway and a very busy multi-lane State Route 262.

City Staff has done well with picking this location. Please listen to city staff and support this project.

Sincerely,

Marie Hughes
Fremont Resident

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Zielnik Hu <zielnik.h@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:55 AM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Zielnik Hu
Subject: Public Comment for the Upcoming 7 PM City Council Meeting 05/09/23

Dear Fremont City Council,

I'm a resident in South Fremont, writing to express my strong opposition to the Motel 6 HomeKey project. The reason is this HomeKey project will largely influence not only the business investment environment and the prospective development of Hi-Tech in Fremont, but also the residents' efforts to build a better community. It will ruin the reputation of Fremont as a future Hi-Tech hub in Silicon Valley and the damage will take a long long time to recover.

As had been suggested last year, the best solution is to provide shelters to the homeless in the relatively isolated community such as Tracy, giving them enough training to find a job and come back to society. State government can offer free transportation and telecommunication service to them for job interviews and training. This is a win-win strategy.

In short, the Motel 6 homekey project is a project lacking careful planning. It will cause conflicts in the community and sacrifice the future development opportunities of Fremont. I strongly oppose this project.

Regards,
-Zielnik (Zijun) Hu

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Linda Dewlaney <linda.dewlaney@grail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:05 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: May 9, 2023 Item 6A: Support Project Homekey

As a resident of Fremont since 2000, I strongly support the City of Fremont's Round 3 Application for funding the Project Homekey conversion of the current Motel 6 into permanent supportive affordable housing.

In February 2022, I participated in the Point in Time count, and was made personally aware of the number of unhoused residents in just a small portion of our city. We identified more than a dozen cars as being occupied as living spaces by people in our community. Cars were parked on the street in front of houses which are owned by people who likely have no idea this is occurring. This is an untenable situation.

Over the last two years, I have also been a volunteer with the Safe Parking Program, offering support to Fremont citizens who live and sleep in their automobiles. The participants in this program do not exhibit criminal or dangerous behavior, and were it not for the Safe Parking Program, these cars would likely also be parked in front of houses in residential neighborhoods.

The opinion that this kind of permanent, affordable housing provided by Project Homekey should not exist in residential areas is discriminatory and classist. Those who say they fear that people living with mental health issues, addictions to drugs and/or alcohol, or who commit crimes, will be detrimental to their neighborhood are ignoring the fact that individuals with those characteristics already reside within many houses throughout our community.

Project Homekey is not a shelter or temporary housing arrangement. The housing-first model has been shown to be more effective at breaking the cycle of homelessness than any other technique. Additionally, Project Homekey participation includes the much-needed wraparound supportive services for residents.

Thank you for continuing the efforts to bring Project Homekey to the Fremont residents who need a place to live -- because housing itself is the only long-term solution to homelessness.

Sincerely,
Linda Dewlaney

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Linda L. Dewlaney
510-502-8537 cell/text
she/her/hers

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Hui-Chen Lan <huichen.lan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:40 PM
To: cof
Subject: Oppose HomeKey Peoject

Dear Council Member,

I strongly oppose the HomeKey project approval in Fremont.

Please vote No on this. We are do worried our safety, and our children's safety.

Thanks!

Sincerely yours,
Jenny

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Alberto Quintanilla

From: Debby So <cmc.dbso@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:08 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Homekey Project - NO

To our city council, civil servants,

I strongly oppose any Homekey project in Fremont. Crime, drug use, and sales will only increase as witnessed. The location proposed is close to many residential areas, many elementary schools and groceries which would make a big impact.

Crime rate in the nearby cities with Homekey has been substantially increased. It is evident at city like SF, young generation try to escape from the city and many stores are planning to close their stores there. We don't want this happen in Fremont, our home! Please protect our home and community here! Our home and children's safety are counting on you , city council! Please listen to our community! No homekey for our kids ,community safety, and commercial development for Fremont.

Long time Fremont resident,

Debby So

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Comcast <wendyarnold@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 2:07 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: May 9th 2023 Item 6A

Please enter these remarks as a matter of public record on Item 6A

Dear Council Members,

I write to you with many concerns on item 6A, the Home Key grant application of 35 million dollars.

My first concern is a fiscal concern. California is facing a 24 billion dollar deficit. I ask, do you want to be complicit in contributing to the deficit?

<https://www.marinij.com/2023/05/06/dan-walters-california-democrats-at-odds-over-how-to-close-growing-budget-deficit/>

It can be argued that it is money already put aside but it could be better spent on more concrete solutions as to why so many are living on the streets such as lack of behavioral health services.

My second concern, the Home Key grant is designed to only target the chronically homeless who are sadly plagued with addiction and mental health challenges. The homeless population is very diverse and this does not address the need for affordable housing on a larger scale. How will the working poor be helped by this grant?

Can the city legally take money designated strictly for ELI housing and use it to sustain the short term 5 year commitment of the Motel 6 project?

The third concern is what the policy watchdogs refer to as The Homeless Industrial Complex.

You are about to embark on an agreement to spend millions of our tax payer dollars in which niche developers are profiting from. Cities and counties are playing the middleman to access government contracts and funds. The proposed development company Shangri La was originally a Hollywood production company that shifted into transforming hotels into shelters and housing for Project Room Key and now Project Home-Key. The partnership will give them ownership of the land. After the 5 year commitment will they develop or sale the land at market value?

<https://californiapolicycenter.org/americas-homeless-industrial-complex-causes-solutions/>

The grant is not free money, it comes from hard working Californians property taxes, personal state taxes, fees and sales taxes. The middle class will be burdened with the debt accrued.

Who will be accountable when the homeless population is truly not helped by this bad policy of Housing First and at great expense?

12 billion dollars spent and the issue grows worse each passing day.

<https://www.pacificresearch.org/new-study-despite-billions-spent-project-homekey-providing-no-way-home-for-states-homeless/>

Regards,
W. Arnold

Sent from my iPhone

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Sue Kwong <suekwong805@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; councilmemberjones@fremont.gov; cof; Clerk; Suzanne Sherfil
Subject: Motel 6 Application

Dear Fremont City Officials,

Regarding Motel 6 application third time, we as the residents who live 0.6 miles from the Motel would present some concerns and thoughts about this application.

We are living in Metro Crossing community where is 700 units community. We have been experiencing many properties crime to our community like garage door break in, cars break in, entrance doors and bike room doors pried Open, squatting, breaking in boiler rooms. We had to spend much more energy, time and expense to secure our safety. The cameras show that many offenders come from Research Avenues. Our residents organized meetings last month to ask city to close the end of Research Avenue which connects to Tom Blalock street.

When city provides housing to others, please take the neighborhood safety and concerns to consideration. Management which set up rules and regulations are top priorities and challenge. We don't want to see Fremont turn into San Francisco and Oakland.

Regards,

Sue Kwong
Board of director NJ HOA

Alberto Quintanilla

From: webupdate
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Ms. May Ge; webupdate
Cc: CClerk; cof
Subject: RE: Feedback for City of Fremont, CA Official Website

Good morning May, we appreciate your email.

I will forward your concern to the City Manager and City Council's Administration for review.

Best regards,

Veronica Pruneda

Executive Assistant | City of Fremont | Information Technology Department
Phone: 510-494-4803 | Email: vpruneda@fremont.gov | www.fremont.gov



From: City of Fremont, CA <webupdate@fremont.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 6:14 PM
To: webupdate <webupdate@fremont.gov>
Subject: Feedback for City of Fremont, CA Official Website

You have received this feedback from Ms. May Ge <mayge777@yahoo.com> for the following page:

<https://www.fremont.gov/government/departments/housing/affordable-housing/homekey-project>

Hello, I am a 20+ year Fremont resident and I strongly oppose this project. I am seriously concerned that this project will negatively impact the safety of our community. Back in 2022, our community had voice strong opposition to this, and with no-funding secured from the state now, I don't think this is any reason for Fremont to proceed on this. I don't understand what's is behind the thinking of our city management/council members, why they want to push forward such a project almost ALL Fremont residents are against ? Please listen to your community and residents and stop this. Thank you very much ! May

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Board of director NJ HOA

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Theint Aung <theintchanmyaeang@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 10:04 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Motel 6 Home Key Application

Dear City Council,

My name is Theint and I am a single female person - 37 years old, currently working in alameda county. I am interested in the application process for Motel 6 Home Key Application.

Please share if you have any information for this.

Thank you and have a nice day.

Regards,
Theint (TA)

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Christine Musselman <gcmusselman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:31 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Support for May 9th Agenda Item 6A

Dear Council Members

Project Homekey is so important and is much needed to help with the Unhoused crisis. I fully support this project and others like it to make rent affordable to people who otherwise would end up or are already on the streets or in some homeless encampment.

Fremont residents keep complaining about how bad the unhoused situation has gotten, but when the city provides affordable housing for the homeless, they oppose it. They cannot have it both ways!

We need Homekey, and many more like it. Rent has gotten so unaffordable in Fremont, it take an income of \$6,255/month to support a family of 4, with around \$3,000 of it going towards rent and utilities. We need affordable housing all over the city, instead of high end condos that just serve to deepen the pockets of Investment firms and contractors. Please use State and federal grants, and funds to build more affordable housing.

Please approve Homekey. Thanks for your time.

Christine Musselman
Member of Fremont for Everyone (non-profit)
Resident of Fremont - 41 years.
510-593-4209

Alberto Quintanilla

From: sandi grantham <sgrantham3@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 6:57 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Support for May 9th Agenda Item 6A

Dear City Council members,

I totally support turning the 156 units at the Motel 6 into units for currently unhoused individuals. What a quick easy solution to helping get some people off the streets. I can't understand how anyone could be against it, but I'm sure some will be. For me, this should be the city's number one priority. I also support any other Turn Key Projects.

sincerely,
Sandra Grantham
37929 3rd St
Fremont

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Jin Liu <jinaliu@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Jin Liu
Subject: Homekey project

Dear City Officials,

As a longtime resident, voter, and taxpayer in Fremont, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Homekey project being implemented in our community.

Firstly, the Motel 6 hotel, where the project is being proposed, is situated in the heart of a residential area surrounded by apartment homes, townhomes, and single-family homes. Additionally, there are five schools and a large senior living community within a two-mile radius. Our neighborhood is already experiencing issues such as theft and car break-ins. Introducing the Homekey project could exacerbate these problems, as individuals with mental disabilities and substance abuse issues may pose a risk to local residents and businesses. For instance, in 2021, a 67-year-old Asian woman was assaulted by a homeless person near Irvington Park. The implementation of this project could potentially drive people away from our area, resulting in lost tax revenue for Fremont.

Secondly, the Motel 6 hotel is located next to two heavily congested highways (Hwy 680 & Hwy 880) and Mission Boulevard, the busiest street in Fremont. Placing people with mental disabilities in such high-traffic areas could expose them to hazardous situations and increase the risk of severe or fatal car accidents.

Thirdly, the Homekey project has been deemed ineffective in combating homelessness. According to a study by the Pacific Research Institute, billions of dollars spent on the project have not led to a significant reduction in homelessness (<https://www.pacificresearch.org/new-study-despite-billions-spent-project-homekey-providing-no-way-home-for-states-homeless/>). Our neighboring city of Milpitas has experienced numerous issues with their Homekey project, including increased violence and police intervention. Furthermore, the project's allowance of drug use could effectively decriminalize drugs, inviting problems similar to those faced by San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw8MACDZ3RI>).

I implore our city officials to address the root causes of homelessness and explore alternative solutions that prioritize the safety and well-being of all Fremont residents. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
Jin Liu

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Yong <cmc13210@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 3:10 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: May 9 meeting: No Homekey project in Fremont

Dear city council member,

I am writing to you to strongly oppose the Homekey project in Fremont. Homekey project's past record has been a failure in other places and it creates safety problems for the neighborhood. Its problem has been well investigated and widely reported by various media:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/projects/2022/san-francisco-sros/>
<https://milpitasbeat.com/update-on-project-homekeys-hillview-ct-apartments-calls-to-911-phan-hopeful-tran-enraged/>
<https://www.yahoo.com/now/study-despite-billions-spent-project-125700657.html>
<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/story/2022-10-26/commentary-project-homekey-expensive-ineffective>

Please vote NO on the Homekey application for Fremont.

Thank you
Yong

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Di Chen <chester.cd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:17 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Meeting date: May 9 - NO to Fremont homekey project

Hello;

I STRONGLY OPPOSE FREMONT CITY'S HOMEKEY PROJCT.

The homekey project is close to where I live, where I shop, where my kid plays and go to school. The homekey project will increase crimes, drug uses in the area and causes threats to the residents. If you decide to move forward with this project, you will see residents/real tax payers leaving Fremont!

ABSOLUTELY NO TO HOMEKEY PROJECT!

Fremont resident

Alberto Quintanilla

From: skyinautumn <skyin_autumn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 9:09 PM
To: Jenny Kassan; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; cof; CClerk; Suzanne Shenfil; Desrie Campbell
Subject: Deep concern about the Homekey project.

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the Homekey project and its impact on our community. While I understand the intention behind the program to provide housing for homeless individuals, I believe the negative consequences of the program cannot be ignored.

The presence of Homekey projects will attract criminal elements and drug activity to our community, creating a significant risk to public safety. Homeless individuals struggling with addiction and mental health issues will turn to criminal activity to support their habits, leading to an increase in theft, burglary, and other crimes that will put the safety of our residents and businesses at risk.

Furthermore, the lack of transparency and communication from local authorities regarding the implementation of Homekey projects is unacceptable. As residents, we have the right to know how these projects are being managed, what measures are being taken to ensure the safety of our community, and what resources are being provided to support the needs of the homeless population.

We are deeply concerned about the safety and well-being of our community and urge you to take immediate action to address these concerns. It is the responsibility of our city council members to protect the safety and well-being of our community, and we demand that you hold those responsible for the negative consequences of Homekey accountable, including Suzanne Shenfil, who has repeatedly failed to address the concerns of our community.

We demand that you take immediate action to ensure that our community is safe, prosperous, and thriving. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Yan Song

Sent from my iPhone

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Tania S <tanias67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 2:29 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: May 9

While it would be great to have affordable (temporary) housing, the Motel 6 plan isn't a One Size Fits All solution for everybody (especially for families)

While it may be an acceptable placement for some individuals ...It is not a safe option for my family due to the illegal drugs, felons with a documented history of violence, human trafficking and / or sex crimes... and there are vulnerable women and children and those with certain disabilities who are survivors of / victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, rape, sexual abuse / sexual assault who would be put in further danger if being re-victimized if they are placed in the same environment with the segment of the population who prey on the most vulnerable. Which is the same issue my family and I experienced a few years ago when had the unfortunate experience at the homeless shelter we stayed at in Fremont until we were threatened and harassed so severely that the staff forced us back into the street with nowhere to go, (right into the waiting hands of the traffickers) It is the only family shelter located in the city of Fremont. I don't want to see this horrible nightmarish mistake be repeated where it could ruin any other family's lives. It shouldn't be rocket science since it's obvious that it is the only socially responsible / logical to do... the city needs to protect its most vulnerable population by placing them separately from the felons / traffickers, drug addicts, drug dealers and those who have a history of violence and / or sex crimes.

Tanya Schwenk
Survivor and
Concerned Mother

Alberto Quintanilla

From: peilingtasi@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:44 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Against Homekey in Everett (May 9th)

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the Homekey project and its impact on our community. While I understand the intention behind the program to provide housing for homeless individuals, I believe the negative consequences of the program cannot be ignored.

The presence of Homekey projects will attract criminal elements and drug activity to our community, creating a significant risk to public safety. Homeless individuals struggling with addiction and mental health issues will turn to criminal activity to support their habits, leading to an increase in theft, burglary, and other crimes that will put the safety of our residents and businesses at risk.

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Sincerely,

Penny

Sent from my iPhone

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Zhang Ivor <yihua1023@grail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 6:06 PM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; cof; Clerk; Suzanne Shanfil; Desrie Campbell
Subject: No Homekey project in Fremont

Dear City Councils,

I strongly oppose the homekey project that is proposed in Fremont area for the following reasons:

1. It proved to be a failed program. It will not solve the homeless problem
2. It will turn once a peaceful community into an unsafe environment full of drug abuse and violence. I can't imagine my child living in such a danger.
3. Let's work together to come up more effective and realistic plan for solving this problem.

Thanks everyone for the consideration.

Yihua

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Amy Zhang <amy.zhang.s@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:15 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Oppose Front homekey project

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly oppose the homekey project because of safety concerns. In addition, this will not solve the homeless problem and not use tax payer money in an effective way. There should be better ways and win-win solution.

Please kindly forward to relevant parties. Thank you very much!

Best Regards,

Amy

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Laura Lam <lslanlee2000@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; cof; Clerk; Suzanne Shanfil; Desrie Campbell
Subject: Please do not approve the Homekey project

Dear Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and Human Service Department Manager,

The crime rate has increased since the Homeless shelter program began about 4 years ago. Crime, drug use, and sales will only increase and make things worse with the passing of ANY Homekey project. Helping the homeless is not through feeding them, but through teaching them to work for their life. Please keep Fremont safe and do not approve the Homekey project by voting NO on 5/9.

Sincerely,
Laura Lam & Family
Fremont residents since 1989

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Jany Aushun <janyaushun@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Home key project

We are strongly opposes home key project in our neighborhood!
Best regards
Jannyaushum

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Nan Wang <luxjessica@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:44 PM
To: Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Kang; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; cof; Clerk; Suzanne Shenfil; Desrie Campbell; Jerry Kesan
Subject: Objection to Homekey

Dear city councils,

We are concerned about Fremont's consideration of another round of Homekey applications. As residents, we care about the safety and development of our city.

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Sincerely,
Nan Wang
23 year Fremont resident

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Van Liang <vanliang@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; cof; Clerk; Suzanne Shanfil; Desrie Campbell
Subject: NO for Homekey!

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Sincerely,

Vanessa Liang

Sent from my iPhone

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Wen Yang <wen_sophie_yang@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Jenny Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; councilmemberjones@fremont.gov; cof; Clerk; Suzanne Shenfil
Subject: Opposing Homekey Project

Hi, Dear City Councils and City Management Team,

I am Wen Yang. I have lived in Fremont for more than 20 years.

I am writing to you to urge you to vote "NO" on Homekey project.

Homekey is not the right solution to resolve homeless issue in our city. According to Homekey guidelines and requirements (<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/homekey/housing-first-guidance.pdf>), Homekey facilities must allow drug usages. The nightmare experiences in San Francisco, Seattle, Milpitas and many other cities that implemented similar homeless housing projects have already told hard-learned lessons. Homekey would lead to open drug use in and around the facility, and potential drug dealing nearby; those people under substance abuse cast great danger to the public safety in our neighborhoods; eventually it would lead to dying businesses and neighborhoods. And we do not want that in our city and neighborhoods.

Besides, in tax-payer funded homeless housing, I believe we must have zero tolerance on drug use or any substance abuse. This would reinforce public safety and protect the safe environment for homeless residents in the facilities as well.

Again, I urge you to look into the potential danger of Homekey, vote "No" on Homekey project, and investigate more viable and safer options to resolve Homeless issue.

Thank You and Sincerely,
Wen

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Jane Yun <jjcoach168@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:10 AM
Subject: Please against the homekey project in Fremont !!!

Dear City Officials

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Sincerely,
Hsiao

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Lucy Zhang <lucy.zhang.us@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:37 AM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Rick Jones - Councilmember (disable1.13.23); cof; Clerk; Suzanne Shenfil; Desrie Campbell
Subject: Please oppose the homekey project submission

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Sincerely,
Lucy

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Yinghong (Kaylee) Huang <yinghong@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:46 AM
To: Clerk; cc; Rick Jones - Councilmember (disable1.13.23); Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Raj Salwan; Suzanne Sharfil; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao
Subject: Against Homekey Project

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Kaylee

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Chi <mirhsiu6822@grail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:39 PM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Rick Jones - Councilmember (disable1.13.23); cof; Clerk; Suzanne Stanfil
Subject: Fremont Homekey project

Hi all,

I am a Fremont voter who has lived here more than 10yrs.

I say NO!!! There have been many examples telling us that the homekey project does not solve the problem. Look at Milpitas, San Francisco, etc...

We can't use our city to do this failed experiment.

Thank you,

Your voter.

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Cynthia Liu <cynthia.liu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:11 PM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Rick Jones - Councilmember (disable1.13.23); cof; Clerk; Suzanne Stanfil
Subject: Concerns Regarding the Motel6 Homekey Project in Fremont

Dear City Officials,

As a long-time resident, voter, and taxpayer in Fremont, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Homekey project being implemented in our community.

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Sincerely,

Cynthia

Alberto Quintanilla

From: MM TB <ritb22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 10:04 PM
To: Jerry Kassar; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; Rick Jones - Councilmember (disabled.13.23); cof; Clerk; Suzanne Stanfil
Subject: NO on Homekey Project at Motel6 South Fremont

My name is Cherry, I'm a long-time resident in Warm Springs district for more than 15 years. I live only a 15-min walk distance from the proposed homekey location (Motel6) . I strongly oppose the homekey project.

First, it's very close to the nearby apartments, townhomes, houses, super markets, restaurants, schools, daycare centers, community center, and senior community. Residents in nearby communities and business owners are very concerned about being surrounded by homeless people as many of them are mentally disabled and/or drug addicts.

Second, the proposed Motel6 location is a very expensive location. With the same amount of money, the city can build/acquire a much bigger farm-like community in another city/town, help them relocate, provide vocational training, and other necessary supporting activities to help them build skills to get back to work, become independent instead of relying on welfare.

Let's instead use this location to provide housing to low income families. Families that work hard by doing jobs which hold the community together by providing support like child care, health care and other services. I also support using the Motel6 to provide housing for our teachers, firefighters and/or police.

Please put our public community safety first and reject the homekey project.

Thank you!

Cherry,

Alberto Quintanilla

From: danqin@raail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:46 PM
To: Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; councilmemberjones@fremont.gov; ccf; Clerk; Suzanne Sharfil; Jenny Kassin
Subject: Oppose to homekey project in Fremont

Hello all,

I oppose to the homekey project in Fremont, I am afraid the crime will increase in this area, also related drug issue and metal health issue. The site is around school and residential area. Please consider this. Thanks.

Best,
Danqin

Sent from my iPhone

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Hui-Chen Lan <huichen.lan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:42 PM
To: CClerk
Subject: Oppose HomeKey Project

Dear Council Member,

I strongly oppose the HomeKey project approval in Fremont.

Please vote No on this. We are do worried our safety, and our children's safety.

Thanks!

Sincerely yours,
Jenny

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Alberto Quintanilla

From: sharon guan <xrguan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 11:47 AM
To: Jenny Kassan; Lily Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Raj Salwan; councilmemberjones@fremont.gov; cof; CClerk; Suzanne Shenfil
Subject: No to Homekey Project

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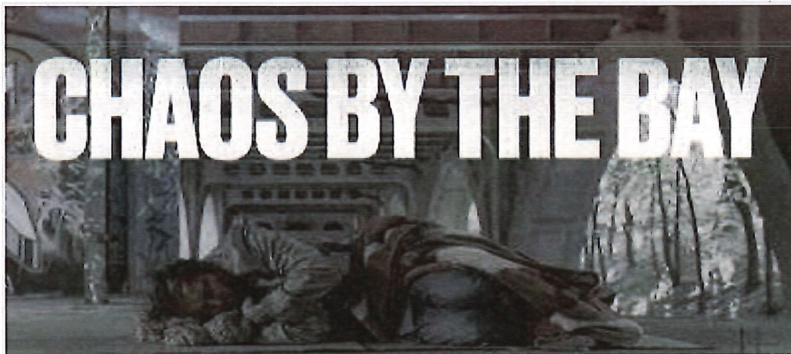
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The Truth About Homelessness in San Francisco

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