



Business and Economic Recovery Framework

On April 20, the City’s Economic Development Department conducted a Special Work Session with the City Council to present the Business and Economic Recovery Framework. COVID-19 has impacted our local economy profoundly. At the height of the pandemic, unemployment in Fremont reached over 11%, the number of small businesses in the East Bay reduced by over 30%, and the City is currently facing a significant general fund budget deficit. As if these economic challenges were not hard enough, we’ve all become acutely aware that issues of racial and gender inequity have compounded the effects for so many.

Over the last year, the City has deployed programs to provide direct financial and marketing assistance to our businesses, communicated extensively to share timely information about rapidly changing regulations and resources available, and most importantly, connected personally with many businesses to answer questions and provide assistance. Through the business hotline we established at the onset of the pandemic, we have directly connected with over 300 businesses.

As we plan for economic recovery, we must prioritize Fremont’s best opportunities for rebuilding the local economy and support regional efforts. The Business and Economic Recovery

Framework is organized by three topics: supporting small business recovery, leveraging inclusive workforce development opportunities in Fremont, and helping rebuild a resilient tax base for the City. Included in each section is a series of strategies and guiding principles upon which the City will base its recovery efforts going forward. You can view the presentation and listen to the discussion online at www.Fremont.gov/RecoveryFramework.

Update on City Facilities – Reopening and New Operating Schedule

Now that California has fully reopened the economy on June 15 and ended the regional tier system, the City of Fremont will be transitioning to a substantial reopening of City facilities to serve our residents and business community beginning July 6, 2021. Visit www.Fremont.gov/Reopening for updates on staggered opening dates and revised hours. The City will continue to comply with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and local health agencies to provide a safe workplace for our employees and customers.

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Letter from Fremont's City Manager

We're only halfway through the year, but I am already immensely proud of our City Council, City staff, and community for everyone's part in helping Fremont weather the effects of COVID-19.

Our continued efforts included creating a Business and Economic Recovery Framework, prioritizing Fremont's best opportunities for rebuilding our local economy by supporting the recovery of small businesses, leveraging inclusive workforce development opportunities, and helping to rebuild a resilient tax base. To help residents in need of rent and/or utility bill assistance, the City is currently accepting applications for the Keep Fremont Housed Rental Assistance Program that assists eligible households and landlords financially impacted by COVID-19.

While the pandemic caused delays in construction, our City's major projects continued and are near close to completion. We have made significant progress on the Downtown Event Center and Plaza and Warm Spring BART West Access Bridge and Plaza Project – both of which are on track to open later this summer.

Additionally, the Fremont Housing Navigation Center (HNC) began transforming the lives of many unhoused members in our community. Welcoming residents in September 2020, the HNC experienced capacity restrictions due to the pandemic, yet still served 44 individuals in its first six months of operations. Because of tremendous community support and the work of Bay Area Community Services (BACS) and City staff, none of the participants have returned to homelessness.

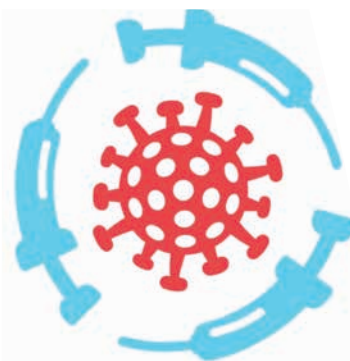
We wish the best of luck to Police Chief Kimberly Petersen, who announced earlier this year that she will retire in the fall following more than 25 years of service. To continue Chief Petersen's commitment to excellence, accountability, and transparency and to build on her incredible legacy within the department, I intend to promote Captain Sean Washington to Chief, and he will be sworn in on October 2. He has already begun meeting with community groups to understand key concerns and answer questions about policing in Fremont.

On June 15, the Fremont City Council adopted the City's proposed operating budget for the 2021/22 fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. Total General Fund budgeted resources in the coming year, including \$20 million of American Rescue Act fiscal recovery funds, will support total budgeted expenditures of \$231.4 million. The adopted budget does not add any new ongoing programs or capital projects but does include funding for operations at the new Age Well Center at South Fremont and activation of the new Downtown Event Center. Although we've experienced unprecedented revenue losses over the last year, the fiscal recovery funds provided through the American Rescue Act will allow us to restore service delivery to pre-COVID levels over the next several years.

This past year and beyond, we've demonstrated that we are a resilient city. Together, I am confident we will continue to overcome challenges and build a better Fremont.

Vaccine Partnership Update

Between February 3 and May 23, 2021, the Fremont Fire Department (FFD) and Haller's Pharmacy partnered to host a COVID-19 weekend vaccination clinic at the FFD Tactical Training Center. Over 22,000 Pfizer vaccinations were administered to people who live or work in Alameda County throughout the course of the clinic. Due to the start of fire season throughout the state, the FFD-Haller's vaccination clinic has ended, however, anyone interested in scheduling a vaccination appointment may visit <http://myturn.ca.gov/> or <https://bit.ly/AICoSignUp> to find an alternate location.



The City Council meets the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave.

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New Infrastructure

Warm Springs BART West Access Bridge and Plaza Project



Construction of the Warm Springs BART West Access Bridge and Plaza Project is almost complete, with a virtual ribbon cutting and public opening scheduled for this summer.

The opening of the West Access Bridge and Warm Springs Plaza will connect pedestrians and bicyclists to the BART station, major employers in the area like Tesla and Thermo Fisher, and up to 4,000 new housing units with 524 units designated as affordable housing.

The Warm Springs Plaza includes amphitheater seating, architectural lighting, and decorative landscaping, and will ultimately include a public art installation. The plaza will provide a gathering space for events like concerts and farmers markets. This project provides more opportunities to connect the Bay Area community in healthy and environmentally sustainable ways.

Downtown Event Center and Downtown Plaza

The Downtown Event Center and Plaza project is Phase 1 of the Civic Center Master Plan and part of the Downtown Community Plan adopted by the City Council in 2012. The project consists of a 13,400-square-foot community center and a one-acre plaza at the corner of Capitol Avenue and State Street.

The project has been under construction since October 21, 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of summer. This project will provide a community building with three meeting rooms varying in size from approximately 4,100 square feet to 1,200 square feet, a catering kitchen, restroom facilities, a large welcoming lobby/gathering space of 2,900 square feet, and a service yard at the rear. The largest room will provide seating for up to 300 people in a theater setting or 224 people in a banquet setting and will include a 600-square-foot platform with a projection screen. In addition, the plaza will provide seating elements, hardscaped areas, breakout spaces for the community center building, food truck pop-up space, an outdoor stage, lawn and landscaping, and an 80-space surface parking lot.

More details about the grand opening and facility rentals will be available in July. Be sure to visit our website for more information and to sign up for email updates about the Event Center at www.Fremont.gov/DowntownEventCenter.



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Our Community



Picnic and Facility Rentals

City of Fremont picnic tables, picnic areas, and barbecues are open. Picnic area reservations are now being accepted for Central Park. Current gathering restrictions will be enforced; please review the most updated state gathering guidelines at www.Fremont.gov/CDPHGatherings.

For more on picnics visit www.Fremont.gov/Picnics, email centralpark@fremont.gov, or call 510-790-5541. Visit www.Fremont.gov/ParkUpdates for more information on the City of Fremont's open and closed park facilities.



Summer Camps and Programs

Get ready for a fun and safe adventure this summer with the City of Fremont's in-person and virtual camps! Campers will participate in activities and outdoor play, keeping children engaged during the summer break. Some of our camp locations offer extended care to help with full-day coverage. Registration is available at www.RegeRec.com. Don't delay; enjoy the summer knowing that your kids are safe, engaged, and active. We'll see you in camp! For more information about our camps, visit www.Fremont.gov/SummerCamps or call 510-494-4300.

Donations Needed to Support Low-Income Youth



With summer fast approaching, Recreation Services is looking for businesses and individuals to support our City of Fremont Recreation Scholarship Program. Summer camps and programs are more important than ever before and provide children with the emotional, social, and physical connection they are craving. Every year, a large portion of our scholarship funding is provided by businesses. Without these donations, many children would not be able to participate. Your entire donation will be used to assist local low-income families who need financial subsidies to enroll their children in programs such as swim lessons, summer camps, enrichment classes, and more. For individual donations visit www.RegeRec.com, or for larger donations contact Recreation Superintendent Lance Scheetz at 510-494-4331.

Renewed Commitment to Vision Zero Traffic Safety Goal

At the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on April 13, the Council approved a renewed commitment to the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and an updated Vision Zero Action Plan. Fremont has been a national leader in Vision Zero, a traffic safety philosophy that seeks to design and operate the transportation system so that traffic

crashes do not result in life-altering injuries or loss of life. Fremont has seen a 45% drop in major traffic crashes since becoming the first mid-size city in the U.S. to adopt a Vision Zero Action Plan in 2015. Fremont's updated Vision Zero Action Plan document summarizes the approach and results of the first five years of the



City's Vision Zero program and lays out a new action plan to make further progress towards the Vision Zero goal. To view the new Vision Zero Action Plan, visit www.Fremont.gov/VisionZero.

Bike Month 2021 Celebrations

The Fremont community came together during May to celebrate the benefits and joy of biking. Riders participated in self-guided bike rides in their neighborhoods and to energizer stations, logging their bike miles for prizes and friendly competition. Fremont students biked, walked, and rolled in support of a countywide effort to collectively travel the distance to the moon. Additionally, Fremont expanded its micromobility partnership with HOPR by adding e-scooters to its bike-share system, with e-bikes coming this summer. Biking is a great way to keep your summer rolling in Fremont!



Centerville Complete Streets Pilot Project

The Centerville Complete Streets Pilot Project will repave the streets and implement "complete street" improvements to enhance safety and mobility for all users including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, school children, and businesses. As part of the community engagement process, the City is currently implementing a demonstration project for a road diet in the northbound direction of Fremont Boulevard from Thornton Avenue to Parish Avenue to reduce the number of travel lanes from two to one along with "pop-up patio parklets" to create more outdoor gathering and dining space based on feedback from stakeholders. A community survey is scheduled for early summer to gather feedback on the demonstration project before moving forward with the environmental review and final design. For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/CentervilleCompleteStreets.

Our Community



Affordable Housing Ordinance Update

The City is in the process of updating Fremont's Affordable Housing Ordinance to address the need for affordable housing related to market-rate housing production and to foster an adequate supply of housing in Fremont for residents at all economic levels. To inform this process, City staff has commissioned a Nexus Study and a Financial Feasibility Study, held meetings with public stakeholders, and received direction from the Fremont City Council on next steps. Staff has made revisions and is now in the process of receiving additional feedback from stakeholders and the City's Planning Commission. The goal is to bring the draft ordinance to the City Council for consideration and adoption in September 2021. For more information, please visit www.Fremont.gov/AffordableHousingOrdinance.

Safe Parking in Fremont Moves Forward

The City is pursuing a multi-pronged Safe Parking Strategy to better meet the needs of residents living in their vehicles. The first strategy aims to facilitate private organizations, such as religious facilities and community nonprofits, providing temporary overnight parking within their existing parking lots.

The Fremont City Council recently adopted an ordinance to allow for these safe parking host sites. The ordinance creates a City permitting process by which community organizations can apply to provide safe parking at their property. The ordinance contains specific standards that all safe parking host sites must follow to ensure



participants receive adequate services and sites have minimal impact on neighbors.

City staff is also moving forward with developing a program to support organizations in becoming safe parking host sites through assisting with the provision of temporary facilities, site coordination, and social services. Staff will be finalizing information about this program, including procedures for screening and intake of participants, and returning to the City Council for their input later this summer.

For more information about the City's Safe Parking Strategy, please visit www.Fremont.gov/SafeParking.

Housing Element Update

Under California law, all cities are required to plan for the housing needs of their community by adopting a Housing Element as part of their General Plan. Cities are required to update their Housing Element every eight years to address changing housing needs and to plan for their fair share of anticipated regional housing demand. The City is currently working on a Housing Element update for 2023-2031. The update will show how Fremont can accommodate its assigned allocation (tentatively 12,897 housing units) and will include strategies to address housing-related issues such as affordability and equity. To learn more about the Housing Element update and how you can engage with the City on this topic, please visit www.Fremont.gov/HousingElement.



New Operating Schedule

for Development Services Center

The City's Development Services Center, located at 39550 Liberty St., plans to reopen Wednesday, July 7 with a new operating schedule. To view the new schedule and get more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/DSC. The City has implemented online permit services, so those needing a building, planning, or engineering permit no longer need to visit the Development Services Center. For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/OnlinePermits.

Online City Permits

Did you know you can obtain many City permits online? The City's online permitting portal, Citizen Access, allows you to obtain building, planning, and engineering permits for your next home upgrade or construction project. In Citizen Access, you can submit your application and the required information, pay permit fees, and get your project plans reviewed. The City's Residential Express Permits for simple home upgrades can even be automatically issued. The online process saves time and money while reducing paper clutter. For more information, please visit www.Fremont.gov/OnlinePermits.



Keep Fremont Housed Rental Assistance Program

On April 1, the City launched the Keep Fremont Housed Rental Assistance Program. Made possible with funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury, the program provides financial assistance to low-income Fremont renters who are behind on their rent or utility bills due to COVID-19. In the first two months, Keep Fremont Housed helped 250 families reduce unpaid debt, returning them to good financial standing with their landlords.

If you are a Fremont renter behind on your rent due to circumstances related to COVID-19, visit www.Fremont.gov/KeepFremontHoused for complete details and to see if you qualify for assistance, as well as for a list of partner agencies who can help. Language assistance is available.



Developing a Plan for Fremont's Urban Forest

The City has started developing its Urban Forest Management Plan, a project that kicked off in May with a presentation to the City's Recreation Commission. The project will run through Spring 2022 and includes a series of meetings and dialogue to gather feedback from community members. An online survey is also posted on the project website and we encourage public participation. Visit www.Fremont.gov/Trees for project information and progress along the way. We all benefit from proper care and enhancement of the urban forest, and together we will develop a strategic plan to continue to grow a healthy urban forest to benefit all residents and future generations.





FUSD's Summer Meal Program Open to all Fremont Youth

As the Fremont community continues its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) is proud to once again offer all residents, age 18 and younger, free meals throughout the summer.

Now in its second year, FUSD's Grab-and-Go Meal Pickup program has provided hundreds of thousands of meals in an effort to assist its community in meeting some of the many challenges brought by COVID-19. Throughout the duration of the program, meals have been free of charge and have been made available to all families—whether they have children enrolled in the District or not.

"We (FUSD) are so proud of everything accomplished by our Child Nutrition Services Department to grow this program into the vital service it has become," said FUSD Superintendent, CJ Cammack. "We know many families are dependent on their local schools to provide



nutritious meals for their children and our staff has gone above and beyond to make sure this service has gone on uninterrupted during the past school year."

FUSD's summer program began on Wednesday, June 16 at five locations throughout the District. Every Wednesday through August 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., families will be able to pick up seven days of breakfast and lunch for their child at the following locations:

- **Cabrillo Elementary School** – 36700 San Pedro Dr.
- **Horner Middle School** – 4350 Irvington Ave.

- **Kennedy High School** – 39999 Blacow Rd.
- **Leitch Elementary School** – 47100 Fernald St.
- **Washington High School** – 38422 Fremont Blvd.

Students/children are not required to be present to pick up meals. Please follow all masking and social distancing guidance. Free breakfasts and lunches are provided in partnership through FUSD, the State of California, and the National School Lunch Program. Visit www.fusdcafes.org for menus, cooking instructions, and for more information.



Food Waste Reduction and Increased Composting Fight Climate Crisis

California is currently experiencing the effects of a climate crisis: hotter summers, record-breaking temperatures, devastating fire seasons, and more extreme droughts. Scientists tell us that greenhouse gasses released by human activities, like landfilling food and yard waste, contribute to climate change. To respond to this climate crisis, California is implementing statewide organics recycling and surplus food recovery requirements.

California's new law, SB 1383, targets organic wastes like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper and cardboard, and has rules intended to keep these materials out of landfills. Although most of these materials can be easily recycled or composted in local recycling programs, they currently make up half of what is dumped in California landfills each year. SB 1383 has set targets for reducing organic waste disposal in landfills by 75% and rescuing at least 20% of currently discarded edible food by 2025. To meet the objectives of reducing air and climate pollutants, households and businesses are required to properly sort their organic waste into their green bins.

Californians send 11.2 billion pounds of food to landfills each year, some of which is still fresh enough to feed people in need. That's why the new law also requires that restaurants, grocery



stores, and other businesses that generate edible food must partner with food banks and other food recovery organizations so that surplus food can be used to feed people and help reduce hunger in our community. For information on SB 1383 and Fremont's composting and recycling programs, visit www.Fremont.gov/Environment.



The City continues to make headway on Fremont's Climate Action Plan (CAP) update, which will provide a local roadmap for achieving citywide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions in alignment with our adopted goal of 55% GHG emissions reduction by 2030. We have been evaluating feedback received through community workshops, stakeholder discussions, and a virtual community forum for incorporation into the new CAP. We are now analyzing specific climate mitigation and adaptation measures for their carbon emissions reduction potential and will soon make them available for community review and input. Learn more about the CAP update process and stay updated on our progress at www.Fremont.gov/ClimatePlan.



When it Comes to Our Food: **Better Planning = Better Planet**

By making small changes in how you plan, store, and eat your food, you can waste less, save money, and fight climate change. It is more important than ever to place food scraps into your green bin for composting, and consider ways to create less food waste in general. When we waste food, we are wasting all the energy and water resources that were required to grow the food and transport it to our kitchens. Reducing food waste is one of the easiest ways to take individual action and address climate change.

Check out the food storage guide on page 11 in this newsletter for ways to keep food fresher for longer and reduce waste. You can also visit www.StopFoodWaste.org to find tips to help you plan, store, eat, and compost well. Visit www.Fremont.gov/Environment to get information on Fremont's composting program and how to request a free kitchen pail to help make collecting food scraps at home easy.

Visitors and Volunteers Welcome at Sabercat Historical Park

Many of Sabercat Historical Park's visitors consider it a hidden gem: a haven of greenery enclosing the pleasant burble of Sabercat Creek that is tucked within the suburbs of the Mission San Jose and Cameron Hills neighborhoods. The park includes 1.8 miles of out-and-back trail, much of it paved and ADA accessible, with a dirt path loop at the west end offering more rugged and steep terrain. Many parts of the trail are in open, sunny areas, while others wind through a shady oak woodland. Interpretive signage throughout the park describes the fossils found there, the modern-day flora and fauna, and other aspects of the land's history. To view a map of various site locations and amenities, visit www.Fremont.gov/SabercatHistoricalPark.

Pedestrians, bicyclists, and pets on leash are welcome during its open hours, from sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Please be considerate of park neighbors when parking vehicles nearby. There is space for parking along Quema Drive, near the Quema Drive and Paseo Padre Parkway entrance. Additionally, there is a small parking lot at the Via Orinda and Castillejo Way entrance with a pit toilet restroom (bring your own hand sanitizer). Please stay on the trails to avoid encountering poison oak, stinging nettle, poison hemlock, and ticks.



This wonderful park could also use your help to manage several restoration sites. Volunteers remove invasive plants as well as plant and maintain native plants to help stabilize soils and creek banks, filter pollutants, increase native plant diversity, and improve food and shelter for wildlife. No experience is necessary. All ages are welcome, but children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult who is registered. To learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, please subscribe to our email newsletter at www.Fremont.gov/HabitatRestorationSignup.

Fruit & Veggie Storage Guide

Storing your fresh produce correctly is one of the easiest and best ways to keep them fresher, longer, and reduce wasted food.

WHERE	WHAT	HOW
REFRIGERATOR 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set your fridge to 40 degrees or below. • Store veggies separately from fruit. • Use sealable plastic bags and containers to prevent drying out. • Items that will need high humidity while those that rot and mold need low humidity.
COUNTER AND REFRIGERATOR 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ripen these items loosely on the counter, away from sunlight, heat, and moisture. • When ripe, store in refrigerator to prolong lifespan. • Separate ripe from unripe fruit.
COUNTER 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store basil in a cup of water, like flowers. • Separate bananas from other produce as they promote ripening.
PANTRY 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store these items in a cold, dark place like a cupboard or pantry. • Keep potatoes separately from onions to prevent sprouting. • Store an apple with potatoes to prevent sprouting.

GENERAL RULES: Do not wash fresh produce until ready to eat. Always refrigerate cut or peeled produce.



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