

**FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
5:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.**

>> MAYOR MEI: I THINK WE CAN PROBABLY CALL US TO ORDER AT LEAST FIRST. WE'LL GO AHEAD AND CALL US TO ORDER AND I'LL ASK ALBERTO KINDLY FOR A ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: WE ARE NOW LIVE. ROLL CALL, COUNCILMEMBER COX, HERE. COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, HERE. COUNCILMEMBER JONES, HERE. COUNCILMEMBER KENG, HERE. VICE MAYOR SHAO, PRESENT. MAYOR MEI, HERE.

>> LOOKS LIKE COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN?

>> MAYOR MEI: JUST MADE IT IN THE NICK OF TIME. HIS EARS MUST BE RINGING.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: WE'RE DOING ROLL CALL.

>> MAYOR MEI: SO DO WE HAVE -- LET ME LOOK FOR -- IT'S A LITTLE HARDER FOR ME TO SEE IN THIS SETTING ON THE IPAD. DO WE HAVE ANY SPEAKERS TODAY, RIGHT NOW? I DON'T SEE ANY.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: WE DO NOT HAVE ANY.

>> MAYOR MEI: OKAY, GREAT. AND SO IF WE COULD HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCE THE CLOSED SESSION?

>> MS. MARGOLIS: YES, THIS IS A CLOSED SESSION FOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.

>> MAYOR MEI: SO THIS IS GOING TO BE -- WE'RE GOING TO LOG OUT AND GO INTO OUR CLOSED SESSION THEN. THERE'S NO SPEAKERS. SO PLEASE, I'LL SEE YOU SHORTLY ON THE CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

[ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION]

[RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.]

>> MAYOR MEI: GOOD EVENING. I'D LIKE TO CALL -- WE'RE STILL IN PRACTICE SESSION RIGHT NOW.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: YES, WE ARE.

>> MAYOR MEI: ARE THE COUNCIL ALL HERE?

>> MS. BRIGGS: COUNCILMEMBER KENG.

>> MAYOR MEI: WE'LL GIVE ONE MORE MINUTE.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: WE ARE NOW LIVE.

>> MAYOR MEI: GOOD EVENING. I'LL CALL THE SEPTEMBER 21ST MEETING TO ORDER. I'D LIKE TO START BY SALUTING THE FLAG. COUNCILMEMBER KENG, WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE?

>> COUNCILMEMBER KENG: SURE. PLEASE RISE.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

TO THE FLAG

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC

FOR WHICH IT STANDS

ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE,

WITH LIBERTY

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

>> COUNCILMEMBER KENG: PLEASE BE SEATED.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE ROLL CALL, PLEASE. THANK YOU, ALBERTO.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: COUNCILMEMBER COX, HERE. COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN, PRESENT. COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, HERE. COUNCILMEMBER JONES, HERE. COUNCILMEMBER KENG, HERE. VICE MAYOR SHAO, PRESENT. MAYOR MEI, HERE.

>> MAYOR MEI: AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO SHARE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS. FROM THE CITY MANAGER, TODAY ACTING AS CITY MANAGER WILL BE BRIAN STOTT, OUR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER.

>> MR. STOTT: GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. I DON'T HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS TODAY BUT I'M JOINED BY OUR INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DEBRA MARGOLIS AS WELL AS THE CITY CLERK, ALBERTO QUINTANILLA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CITY STAFF. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU. AS STATED ON TONIGHT'S SCHEDULED AGENDA, THE CITY IS HOSTING ITS FIRST PUBLIC HEARING IN OUR 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. IN FOLLOWING THE LAWS AROUND REDISTRICTING, THE PUBLIC HEARING MUST BE HEARD AND START AT 7:15. ANY BUSINESS THAT THE COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING AT AROUND THIS TIME WILL BE STOPPED AND IF NOT FINISHED, WILL BE RE-OPENED AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING. THERE ARE VACANCIES ON THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FOR ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. I'LL BE MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN APPLYING, PLEASE GO TO FREMONT.GOV, OUR WEBSITE, OR PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 510-284-4060. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN TONIGHT'S ELECTRONIC MEETING MAY DO SO, IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK, BY PUSHING THE RAISE HAND ICON IN ZOOM OR, IF YOU'RE DIALING IN, BY DIALING STAR NINE. I'LL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE EACH SECTION OF THE AGENDA AND WE WILL KINDLY REQUEST MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MUTE OR TURN DOWN YOUR BROADCAST WHEN IT COMES TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AS IT MAY CAUSE INTERFERENCE WITH THE SPEAKER SYSTEM. EMAILS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK ARE COMPILED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL, CITY COUNCIL, AND STAFF AND PUBLISHED IN THE CITY'S AGENDA ON FREMONT.GOV AND WILL BE PLACED ON FILE AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD. I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE MEETING WILL GO UP TO 11:30, WE WILL ALLOW, IF NECESSARY, WE WILL ALLOW 30 MINUTES OF GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT UP TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS IN ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AFTER THE INITIAL 30 MINUTES, OR TODAY IS A LITTLE UNUSUAL, WE WILL STOP AT 7:15, THEN WE WILL RESUME AT THE END OF THE MEETING IF TIME REMAINS. LY TURN THIS AGAIN OVER TO ACTING CITY MANAGER FOR THIS EVENING, BRIAN STOTT, TO INTRODUCE THE AGENDA ITEM. ACTUALLY, THIS IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT TONIGHT. WE HAVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR FIRST. THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE ITEMS THAT WILL BE PASSED WITH ONE ITEM. IS THERE ANYONE WISHING TO PULL ANYTHING FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? AND I APOLOGIZE, I'M HAVING SOME DIFFICULTIES. ALBERTO, COULD YOU CHECK TO SEE?

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: YES.

>> MAYOR MEI: AND IF YOU COULD CALL THEM? I HAVE A LITTLE DIFFERENT SETUP.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: SURAAJ, WHAT ITEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON?

>> A NON-AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING SOMETHING THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA LAST WEEK.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: WE'RE CURRENTLY DOING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

>> MAYOR MEI: WE'LL BACK TO YOU, SURAJ, THANK YOU.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: YES, TELEPHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 365.

>> HI, THIS IS ALICE CAVETTE AGAIN. YOUR LIVESTREAM IS DOWN. IT'S NOT WORKING. THERE'S NO BROADCAST.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU FOR LETTING US KNOW. APPRECIATE ALICE FOR SHARING THIS WITH US. WE WERE HAVING ISSUING EARLIER BUT I THOUGHT WE HAD THAT RESOLVED BUT THANK YOU FOR LETTING US KNOW OUR LIVE STREAM IS DOWN.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: ONE MORE INDIVIDUAL. BLAIR.

>> HI, BLAIR BEEKMAN. ITEM 2B, PLEASE.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> NO, 2D.
>> MR. QUINTANILLA: 2D.
>> CORRECT.
>> MAYOR MEI: SO SEEING NO OTHER ITEM, CAN WE GET THE COUNCIL -- SOMEONE FROM COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR EXCEPT FOR 2D AS IN DOG?
>> COUNCILMEMBER COX: I MOVE THAT WILL WE APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA EXCEPT FOR PULLING OUT 2D.
>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: SECOND.
>> MAYOR MEI: SO WE'RE MOVING THE CONSENT CALENDAR.
>> COUNCILMEMBER COX: I'M SORRY, THE CONSENT CALENDAR.
>> COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN: MADAME MAYOR, I THINK YOU AND I WERE RECUSING ON 2C FOR THE LANDSCAPE DISTRICT, OUR RESIDENTS.
>> MAYOR MEI: YOU AND I ARE NOTED AS RECUSED ON THAT ONE, ITEM 2C, BECAUSE WE LIVE IN THAT DISTRICT. SO CAN I HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE?
>> MR. QUINTANILLA: COUNCILMEMBER COX, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER JONES, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER KENG, AYE. VICE MAYOR SHAO, AYE. MAYOR MEI, AYE. SO THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 2D AS IN DOG, AND WITH COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN AND MYSELF BEING RECUSED FROM ITEM 2C. NEXT IS PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND THOSE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA. SO I'D LIKE TO CALL THE SPEAKERS. I THINK WE HAVE -- THERE WAS A GENTLEMAN, SURAJ EARLIER, AND WE HAVE TO STOP AT 7:15.
>> MR. QUINTANILLA: YES, SURAJ?
>> HI. GOOD EVENING. MY NEIGHBORS AND I ARE UNHAPPY AND DISAPPOINTED IN THE COUNCIL'S DECISION LAST TUESDAY TO CHANGE THE STREET DESIGN OF PASEO PADRE PARKWAY BETWEEN WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND BRISTOL ROAD BY REPLACING THE ORIGINAL VISION ZERO PLAN WITH THE NEW PROPOSAL THAT NARROWS THE TWO VEHICLE LANES JUST TO SQUEEZE IN A 4-FOOT BASIC BIKE LANE. WHY WAS THERE NO OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE NEW PROPOSAL? ESPECIALLY FOR THE IMPACTED NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE MINE. FOR INSTANCE, WE LIVE RIGHT ON PASEO PADRE ITSELF AND WE ONLY HEARD ABOUT THIS BY CHANCE WHEN SOMEONE LEFT A FLYER ABOUT THE COUNCIL VOTING ON THE NEW PROPOSAL. AND WHEN WE ATTENDED THE MEETING LAST WEEK, IT WAS TOO LATE. THE COUNCIL HAD ALREADY REJECTED THE ORIGINAL PROJECT VISION ZERO ROAD PLAN BACK IN JULY AND INSTEAD REPLACED IT WITH THE NEW PROPOSAL. WHY WEREN'T WE MADE AWARE OF THIS DESPITE LIVING RIGHT ON PASEO PADRE? 80% OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS IN LAST WEEK'S MEETING WERE AGAINST THE NEW PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT'S UNSAFE. AND YET THE COUNCIL WAS IN A HURRY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE SAKE OF A CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS CONTRACT. IN SPITE OF THE NEW PROPOSAL NOT LIVING UP TO THE PROJECT VISION ZERO'S STANDARDS AND IGNORING THE SAFETY AND NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WHO BENEFITS FROM THE NEW PROPOSAL? IT'S WORSE FOR EVERYONE HERE, BIKERS, RESIDENTS, DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS, ALL SQUEEZED TOGETHER WITH THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC, SPEEDING ON A GRADE UNDER LOW VISIBILITY. ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE STRETCH OF PASEO PADRE PARKWAY, I HUMBLY REQUEST ALL COUNCILMEMBERS TO VISIT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE NEW PROPOSAL. IT'S JUST NOT SAFE. THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC SPEAKER, ALBERTO?
>> MR. QUINTANILLA: YES. NEXT SPEAKER IS BLAIR BEEKMAN.
>> HI. BLAIR BEEKMAN HERE. I HOPE LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND OUR STATE GOVERNMENT -- STATE GOVERNOR WHO, THANKFULLY IS NOW -- BOY, I'VE GOT A BELL RINGING OUTSIDE. I'M VERY SORRY. WHO THANKFULLY IS NOW ALLOWED TO FINISH HIS TERM CAN ALL BE WORKING MUCH THIS FALL TO CONTINUE

THE EFFORTS TO BETTER DEFINE AND MAKE CLEAR WHAT TO EXPECT IN TAKING BOTH TYPES OF VACCINES. AND HOW TO MAKE CLEAR WHAT CAN BE THE DIFFERENT PATHS IN THE FUTURE VARIANTS OF THE VIRUS. WE MAY BE AT A TIME THAT GOOD PUBLIC COMMUNITY HEALTH CAN ALLOW FOR GOOD CREATIVE OPTIONS THAT CAN INCLUDE WEEKLY TESTS FOR COVID AND 72-HOUR TESTS BEFORE CERTAIN SPORTING EVENTS OR MUSIC EVENTS. AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE NEED TO LEARN HOW TO BETTER DESCRIBE THIS FULL AND HONEST ACCOUNT OF THE DAY TO DAY LIFESTYLE ONE CAN NOW EXPECT IN TAKING THE VACCINE. THIS CAN HELP MAKE THINGS MORE CLEAR FOR PEOPLE AND TAKING THE VACCINE CAN BE WORTH IT. AND FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDINGS FOR THOSE UNCOMFORTABLE IN HAVING TAKEN THE VACCINES. I HOPE THIS CAN BE CONSIDERED AS IDEAS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN HEARING ME OUT. WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT HOW TO TALK ABOUT THE VACCINE PROCESS AND THE VACCINE PASSPORT PROCESS AND WE CAN COME UP WITH INTERESTING IDEAS CONTINUALLY. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU. NEXT ARE CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR. LET ME LOOK AT THE TIMING AGAIN. NEXT IS ITEM 2D. MR. BEEKMAN, YOU HAD PULLED THAT? MR. BEEKMAN?

>> YES, HI. NOW HERE. I JUST WANTED TO --

>> MAYOR MEI: IT'S RELATED TO THE ITEM, RIGHT?

>> YES, YES, IT IS. YEAH, I WILL RELATE IT AS MUCH AS I CAN TO THE ITEM. THIS IS EAST BAY RADIO -- EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AUTHORITY. THIS IS RADIO WORK THAT IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, WE CALL SEVIRA, I THINK IT'S CALLED. HERE IT HAS THIS SORT OF NAME IN EAST BAY. THESE ARE IMPORTANT IDEAS THAT WORK WITH REGIONAL IDEAS THAT THEN ALSO WORK WITH THE BAY RIX PROGRAMS. THERE IS SOME REALLY INTERESTING WORK GOING ON, A LOT OF THIS WORK GOES THROUGH BAY UOSI WHO I THOUGHT I SHOULD REPORT AT THIS TIME IF I CAN THEY'VE INTRODUCED SOME NEW WAYS OF HOW THEY PRACTICE THEIR FUNDING TO LOCAL AREAS, THE FUNDING THAT INCLUDES THE FUNDING FOR THESE SORT OF PROGRAMS, THESE RADIO PROGRAMS, AND IT'S REALLY INTERESTING AND HELPFUL AND IT'S MUCH MORE CLEAR, IT'S IN TWO-YEAR CYCLES NOW COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS THREE-YEAR PLANS. THEY'RE BASED ON CONSTRUCTS OF WORKING IN AN ERA AND ECONOMY OF PEACE AND NOT IN AN ERA AND ECONOMY OF WAR AS THESE PROGRAMS WERE FIRST STARTED WITH BAY UOSI. SO THEY'RE MAKING SOME INTERESTING CHANGES THAT I THOUGHT I WOULD REPORT AT THIS TIME, AND IT ALWAYS NEEDS HELP AND OVERSIGHT FROM THE PUBLIC FOR BETTER REVIEW, SO CHECK IT OUT IF YOU CAN. JUST A THANK YOU AND A GOODBYE TO YOUR FORMER POLICE CHIEF, KIMBERLY PETERSEN, AND GOOD LUCK TO THE NEW FREMONT POLICE CHIEF. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. CAN I GET A MOTION TO MOVE ITEM D? MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SHAO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONES. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: COUNCILMEMBER COX, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER JONES, AYE. COUNCILMEMBER KENG, AYE. VICE MAYOR SHAO, AYE. MAYOR MEI, AYE. SO ITEM 2D PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. NEXT ON OUR AGENDA IS THE CITY OF FREMONT 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. AND BEFORE WE START, I WANTED TO CHECK TO SEE, ARE WE ABLE TO -- IS THE PUBLIC ABLE TO VIEW THIS NOW? DO WE KNOW IF WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES OR HAS THAT BEEN RESOLVED?

>> MS. BRIGGS: I DON'T KNOW, MADAME MAYOR. ALBERTO HAS AN UPDATE BUT I DO KNOW THE WEBCAST STREAMING IS WORKING AS WELL AS OUR ZOOM PLATFORM, IT WAS JUST THE COMCAST CHANNEL WE WERE HAVING TREK CAL DIFFICULTIES EARLIER.

>> MY UNDERSTANDING FROM I.T. IS ALL STREAM SOMETHING A GO.

>> MAYOR MEI: OKAY. THANK YOU. SO MANAGEMENT ANALYST AMANDA GALLO WILL BE SHARING WITH US AIN'T DUCKS TONIGHT.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR MEI. GOOD EVENING, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR MEI. AS WAS MENTIONED, TONIGHT WE ARE HOSTING OUR FIRST OF FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN OUR 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. WE WILL BE HEARING FROM KRISTEN PARKS OF NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION IN A BIT, WHO THE CITY HAS CONSULTED WITH TO HELP FACILITATE THIS PROCESS, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHER SERVICES. YOU MAY RECALL ON JULY -- STAFF BROUGHT THIS REDISTRICTING PROCESS OVERVIEW AS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO YOU ALL TO EXPLAIN THE ELEMENTS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCESS, AND TONIGHT WE WILL BE HAVING A SIMILAR PRESENTATION, SOME INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HEAR AGAIN AS WE ARE REQUIRED TO ALSO DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE AND GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC IN THE SENSE AFTER PUBLIC HEARING. SO I JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO KRISTEN TO GIVE US A QUICK PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, AMANDA. GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. MY NAME IS KRISTEN PARKS. I'M A CONSULTANT WITH NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION. AND I'M GOING TO SHARE AN OVERVIEW OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS. SO I AM NOW SHARING MY SCREEN. DON'T WORRY, I ONLY HAVE, I THINK, NINE POWERPOINT SLIDES, SO WE WILL GO THROUGH THIS RELATIVELY QUICKLY. WE ARE HERE IN FREMONT, I AM ACTUALLY NOT HERE WITH YOU IN PERSON, BUT VIRTUALLY. MY HEART IS ABSOLUTELY IN THE BAY. YOUR CURRENT DISTRICT MAP AS A REMINDER HAS SIX COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS MAP WAS ADOPTED IN 2017. HOWEVER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT IN 2017, THE MOST RECENT CENSUS DATA WOULD HAVE COME FROM 2010. SO NOW THAT WE'VE COMPLETED THE 2020 CENSUS, IT'S TIME TO UPDATE THIS DISTRICT MAP. SO WE ARE OFTEN RUNNING ON OUR TIMELINE FOR REDISTRICTING DESPITE DELAYS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN RELEASING OFFICIAL POPULATION DATA. THE DATA THAT WE EXPECTED AND NORMALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU AT THE END OF MARCH WAS RELEASED ON AUGUST 12TH. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS DECADE IS DOING AN ADJUSTMENT OF THAT CENSUS DATA PRIMARILY TO COUNT STATE PRISONERS AT THEIR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS RATHER THAN AT THE LOCATION OF THE PRISON. SO THAT DATA, AS YOU CAN SEE, WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY, AND THEY ACTUALLY RELEASED IT, I BELIEVE LAST NIGHT RIGHT AT MIDNIGHT. SO THAT'S THE OFFICIAL REDISTRICTING DATA THAT EVERY CITY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO USE. SO I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOME NUMBERS TONIGHT FOR THE SIX DISTRICTS IN FREMONT THAT COME FROM THE AUGUST 12TH DATA RELEASE, SO JUST PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT AS SOON AS NDC PROCESSES LAST NIGHT'S DATA RELEASE, WHICH THANK GOODNESS IS THE FINAL ONE, THOSE NUMBERS MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY. WE DO NOT EXPECT THEM TO CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY. SO CALIFORNIA LAW ALSO REQUIRES FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE A NEW DISTRICT MAP IS ADOPTED, AND FREMONT HAS AN APRIL 17TH, 2022 DEADLINE TO ADOPT THAT NEW MAP. ALONG THE WAY, WE WILL BE LAUNCHING PUBLIC MAPPING TOOLS TO HELP THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THIS PROCESS AND SUBMIT THEIR VISION FOR WHAT THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS WILL LOOK LIKE. OUR NEXT PUBLIC HEARING IS NOT UNTIL DECEMBER 7TH, BUT WE ARE NOT GOING QUIET IN THIS PROCESS. THIS WILL BE A TIME OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO IS JOINING US ON THIS ZOOM TO TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT REDISTRICTFREMONT.ORG. THAT IS THE REDISTRICTING WEBSITE. IT HAS TONS OF INFORMATION, AND AS SOON AS WE PROCESS THIS FINAL DATA WITHIN A COUPLE WEEKS, THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL BE SEEING ONLINE MAPPING TOOLS AS WELL AS DOWNLOADABLE MAPS THAT YOU CAN WRITE DIRECTLY ON AND THERE'S ALSO A CONTACT FORM ON THE WEBPAGE THAT FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY CAN START SUBMITTING THEIR COMMENTS, PERSPECTIVES,

GOALS, AND WHAT THEY -- THEIR PRIORITIES ARE FOR REDISTRICTING. SO I DO QUICKLY WANT TO GO OVER THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF REDISTRICTING. THIS IS IN MANY WAYS TO EMPOWER THE PUBLIC. WE WANT THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING, DRAWING MAPS, SO WE WANT THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT GUIDELINES THERE ARE FOR DISTRICT DRAWING. SO FIRST IS FEDERAL LAW, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, SUPREME, AND FEDERAL LAW STATES THAT EACH DISTRICT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY EQUAL IN POPULATION SIZE. SO THAT'S THE FIRST CONSIDERATION. WE ALSO MUST COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT, WHICH SAYS THAT WE SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OR DILUTE THE VOTING POWER OF ANY PROTECTED CLASS OF VOTERS, SO WE WILL BE LOOKING AT RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA FOR CITIZENS OF VOTING AGE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. HOWEVER, FEDERAL CASE LAW ALSO SAYS THAT WE CANNOT ENGAGE IN RACIAL GERRYMANDERING, WHICH MEANS WE CAN'T DRAW DISTRICT BOUNDARIES WITH RACE BEING THE PREDOMINANT FACTOR OR THE MAIN THING OR THE ONLY THING WE'RE LOOKING AT. SO WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT A LOT OF DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHIC FEATURES OF YOUR COMMUNITIES WHERE RACE AND ETHNICITY WILL BE ONE OF MANY. IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WE ALSO HAVE A NEW LAW GOVERNING REDISTRICTING, THE FAIR MAPS ACT. AND THIS LAW GIVES US A LIST OF CRITERIA THAT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY EVERY CITY THAT IS REDISTRICTING. AND THESE CRITERIA ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE SO WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THESE CRITERIA IN ORDER, SO WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS. THE FIRST IS TO DRAW DISTRICTS THAT ARE CONTIGUOUS. CONTIGUOUS SIMPLY MEANS THAT EACH DISTRICT SHOULD BE ONE PIECE ALL CONNECTED WITH NO SEPARATE PIECES OF THE DISTRICT THAT ARE DISCONNECTED. SO THAT'S PRETTY BASIC. OBVIOUSLY YOUR CURRENT MAP ACCOMPLISHES THAT. IT'S THE SECOND CRITERION THAT WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON THIS EVENING FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING, AND THAT IS THAT CALIFORNIA LAW SAYS WHEN WE'RE DRAWING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, WE WANT TO MINIMIZE THE DIVISION OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. MEANING THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO DRAW A DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE RIGHT THROUGH A SIGNIFICANT NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY. WE'LL TALK IN JUST A MOMENT ABOUT HOW THE LAW DEFINES A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND HOW THE PUBLIC CAN SHARE TESTIMONY ABOUT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST WITH THE COUNCIL THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. THE THIRD CRITERION IS TO CREATE EASILY IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES FOR OUR DISTRICT. THAT JUST MEANS WE WANT THOSE DISTRICT LINES TO FOLLOW EXISTING THINGS, PERHAPS MAJOR ROADS, WATERWAYS, THAT KIND OF THING SO THAT THE BOUNDARIES CAN BE EASILY DESCRIBED. THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT IN GEOGRAPHY TO KNOW WHERE YOUR DISTRICT STARTS AND ENDS. AND FINALLY, STATE LAW SAYS DISTRICTS SHOULD BE COMPACT. WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COMPACT, WE'RE TALKING AGAIN ABOUT SHAPE BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SHAPE OF THE DISTRICT SUCH THAT THE DISTRICT SHOULD NOT BE DRAWN IN A WAY TO TRY TO INCLUDE A FARTHER AWAY POPULATION WHILE AVOIDING A CLOSER POPULATION. SO THAT WOULD BE WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE A STRANGE ARM MAYBE WRAPPING AROUND TO PULL IN A POPULATION WHILE AVOIDING SOME AREA IN THE MIDDLE. AGAIN, THAT IS THE LAST CRITERION ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIST. SO TO THE EXTENT ALL OF THESE CRITERIA ARE PRACTICAL AND DO NOT CONFLICT WITH OUR FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, WE FOLLOW THEM IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE ALSO CANNOT FAVOR OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS IN THE FAIR MAPS ACT AS WELL, SO FOR THAT REASON, THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO KNOW AS WELL, THAT WE WILL NOT BE LOOKING AT PARTISAN DATA. WE WON'T BE LOOKING AT WHERE OUR REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN. WE'RE NOT EVEN LOOKING AT ANY OF THAT DATA. THERE IS A THIRD COLUMN HERE FOR OTHER GOALS. THE ONLY REASON I PUT THAT HERE IS JUST TO POINT OUT THAT IF THERE ARE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AND PRIORITIES

THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THE CITY OF FREMONT, THESE CAN BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS, BUT THEY CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AFTER WE'VE ADDRESSED FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS. SO THERE ARE OTHER THINGS WE CAN CONSIDER, BUT ONLY INSOFAR AS WE DON'T CONFLICT WITH THOSE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. SO THE DEFINITION FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AS I JUST MENTIONED, THE SECOND CRITERION FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS THAT OUR DISTRICT BOUNDARIES DON'T SPLIT UP COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. MOST OF US KNOW WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD IS, THE STATE LAW SAYS THE SAME, BUT A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IS DESCRIBED AS A POPULATION IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT SHARES COMMON INTEREST, THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT SO THAT THAT COMMUNITY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL. SO A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IS A VERY BROAD TERM. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN IDENTIFY THEIR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST BY TELLING US WHAT SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS ARE OF THE COMMUNITY. PERHAPS THERE IS A COMMON LANGUAGE THAT PEOPLE SPEAK, A SHARED HISTORY, PERHAPS THERE ARE SIMILAR ISSUES THAT AFFECT THAT COMMUNITY, BE THEY FOLKS WHO LIVE AROUND A CERTAIN HIGHWAY OR DEALING WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONCERNS OR FOLKS THAT LIVE AROUND A CERTAIN PARK AND HAVE INTERESTS THAT BRING THEM TOGETHER. SO THIS IS A SUBJECTIVE DEFINITION. IT RELIES ON THE PUBLIC TO TELL US WHAT THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IS. SO AGAIN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ARE LISTENING TO THIS, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK NOT JUST ABOUT WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD YOU IDENTIFY WITH, BUT IF THERE ARE OTHER WAYS THAT YOU DEFINE YOUR COMMUNITY BEYOND JUST WHAT YOU MIGHT THINK OF AS THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU MIGHT WANT TO THINK ABOUT THOSE COMMON INTERESTS THAT YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS SHARE, SHARED EXPERIENCES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE, SHARED ISSUES THAT YOU MIGHT INTERACT WITH THE CITY ON, AND THINK ABOUT WHAT THE BOUNDARIES OF THAT COMMUNITY MIGHT BE SO THAT YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN REDISTRICTING BY TELLING US, HERE IS MY COMMUNITY, AND I WANT MY COMMUNITY WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT. NOT ALL COMMUNITIES WANT TO BE IN A SINGLE COUNCIL DISTRICT, BUT STATE LAW IS CONCERNED WITH THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT DO WANT TO BE UNDIVIDED AND KEPT WHOLE WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR SIX COUNCIL DISTRICTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL BE MADE UP OF MANY COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS. I QUICKLY WANT TO SHOW THE DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY. I KNOW THAT THIS IS TOO MANY NUMBERS FOR ANYONE TO REALLY PROCESS, SO I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS A TOTAL POPULATION FOR THE CITY OF 230,504. IF YOU DIVIDE THAT BY 6, YOU GET THE IDEAL POPULATION SIZE FOR EACH DISTRICT. REMEMBER FEDERAL LAW SAYS THAT DISTRICTS SHOULD BE AS EQUAL AS POSSIBLE IN POPULATION. SO HERE WE HAVE AN IDEAL DISTRICT SIZE OF 38,417 PEOPLE. SO THE MAIN THING THAT YOU CAN TAKE AWAY FROM THIS TABLE IS HOW THOSE CURRENT DISTRICTS MATCH UP WITH THAT IDEAL POPULATION. YOU'LL SEE THAT SOME OF THE CURRENT DISTRICTS HAVE MORE PEOPLE THAN IDEAL AND SOME HAVE FEWER. THAT DEVIATION CAN HELP GUIDE US WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW TO ADJUST DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. THE DEVIATION IS REPRESENTED IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE AS WELL AS A PERCENTAGE. SO WE WILL BE LAUNCHING MAPPING TOOLS TO EMPOWER THE PUBLIC TO NOT ONLY DRAW DISTRICTS BUT ALSO DRAW COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS OR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THE DISTRICTR TOOL, IT'S A VERY EASY TO USE ONLINE TOOL THAT YOU INTERACT WITH, VERY SIMILAR TO GOOGLE MAPS, BUT THERE IS A PAINTBRUSH WHERE YOU CAN DRAW YOUR COMMUNITY'S AND DISTRICTS DIRECTLY ON THE WEBSITE AND SUBMIT THAT, ALONG WITH A DESCRIPTION AND A NAME FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, OR YOU CAN DRAW COUNCIL DISTRICTS. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO USE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS, WE ALSO WILL HAVE THE ANALOG PAPER-BASED MAPS COMING SOON ONCE WE PROCESS THAT NEW DATA RELEASE THAT CAME IN LAST NIGHT.

AGAIN, THE WEBSITE THAT I WANT EVERYONE TO CHECK OUT IS REDISTRICTFREMONT.ORG. IT WILL BE CONTINUALLY UPDATED THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, AND IT HAS A SCHEDULE OF EVERY MEETING THAT WILL BE HELD RELATED TO REDISTRICTING AND ALL OF THE SUPPORTING MATERIALS INCLUDING THIS PRESENTATION. WITH THAT, WE CAN MOVE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION, WANTING TO FOCUS RIGHT NOW ON HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND YOUR COMMUNITIES AND IF THERE ARE AREAS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE KEPT WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT SO YOU CAN BE EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED. AND WITH THAT, I'LL STOP MY SCREEN SHARE.

>> MS. BRIGGS: MAYOR MEI, YOU'RE MUTED.

>> MAYOR MEI: AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCILMEMBERS. SEEING NONE, WE'LL GO TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK THIS EVENING MAY DO SO BY PRESSING ON THE RAISE HAND ICON, OR CALLING IN BY PRESSING STAR NINE. AND I THINK WE HAVE A COUPLE SPEAKERS, I SAW EARLIER. WE'LL BEGIN WITH CINDY. CINDY, WELCOME. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THIS IS DANIEL. I'M USING MY WIFE'S ZOOM ACCOUNT. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> MAYOR MEI: YES.

>> AWESOME. SO ONE QUESTION HERE. I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S COMPLETELY RELATED BUT WITH THE REMAPPING OF THE DISTRICTS AND THE BOUNDARIES, DOES THIS AFFECT SCHOOLS BY ANY CHANCE? SCHOOL BOUNDARIES?

>> MAYOR MEI: THIS IS ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THE SCHOOL BOUNDARIES. SCHOOL BOUNDARIES ARE SET BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IT'S NOT -- THEY WOULD HAVE TO REVISIT THEMSELVES. I CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT BUT THERE'S NOTHING RIGHT NOW THAT AFFECTS SCHOOLS. THIS IS ONLY OUR VOTING DISTRICT FOR THE CITY.

>> WILL THIS BE THE NEXT STEP AFTER THIS DONE AND CONCLUDED, THE SCHOOLS WOULD THEN TAKE, YOU KNOW, THE NEW MAPPING IN CONSIDERATION?

>> MAYOR MEI: AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE, I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DECISION, BUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE PAST HAVING SERVED ON THE SCHOOL BOARD IS USUALLY TIED MORE CLOSELY TO THE HIGH SCHOOLS THEMSELVES AND THEY TEND TO BE IN LINE WITH THAT.

>> OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: BUT AGAIN, FOR THE PROPER REFERENCE, PLEASE TALK TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES AND THEIR SUPERINTENDENT. THAT WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE. NEXT I SEE THE SPEAKER IS BLAIR BEEKMAN.

>> HI. THANK YOU. BLAIR BEEKMAN HERE. IT'S KIND OF EXCITING TO BE AROUND ISSUES OF REDISTRICTING IN FREMONT. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS ITEM. I DO A LOT OF WORK IN SAN JOSÉ, AND SAN JOSÉ IS GOING THROUGH THEIR OWN REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONED PROCESS AT THIS TIME. THEIR MEETINGS ARE ON THEIR PUBLIC WEBSITE THAT -- AND ON YOUTUBE THAT I VERY MUCH WOULD SUGGEST PEOPLE CHECK OUT TO GET KIND OF AN INFERENCE HOW IDEAS CAN WORK AND HOW WE'RE CONSIDERING NEW CONCEPTS OF EQUITY AT THIS TIME, AND HOW THAT CAN BE A PART OF A FORM LA BEING USED AND DEVISED AND CONSIDERED. THE IDEAS OF, BOY, NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND ITS CONCEPTS OF EQUITY WITHIN NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, HOW WILL THAT FIT IN TO THE FUTURE OF REDISTRICTING FOR THIS NEXT DECADE? IN MY OWN LITTLE WORLD, THERE'S QUITE A POSSIBILITY OF AN EARTHQUAKE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. MAYBE IT'S IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS, I'M NOT SURE, BUT AN EARTHQUAKE IS COMING SOON, IT SEEMS, AND NOT ONLY THAT, THE ISSUES OF SEA LEVEL RISE. HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE AFFECTING REDISTRICTING DECISION-MAKING IN THIS NEXT DECADE? GOOD LUCK IN WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, AND THE CONSIDERATIONS YOU'LL BE MAKING. I REALLY LIKE EQUITY TO BE THE IDEAS OF HOW THINGS CAN BE EQUAL FOR -- HOW PEOPLE CAN BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY WHO DON'T HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY. HOW CAN THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES BE PRESENTED WHEN IT'S DIFFICULT FOR SOME TO EVEN HAVE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES. AND THAT'S ALONG OF LINES OF HOW I THINK OF EQUITY. TO QUICKLY OFFER IF I CAN, TO ADDRESS REDISTRICTING ISSUES WITHIN THIS NEXT YEAR, AND PEOPLE MOVING AROUND A LOT, IT'S MY HOPE THAT PEOPLE CAN STILL, IF THEY ASK FOR TENANT PROTECTION EXTENSION AFTER SEPTEMBER 30TH, IT CAN BE RECEIVED AND THEY WON'T HAVE TO BE SUED BY OWNERS, AND THAT CAN GO THROUGH TILL MARCH 2022, THAT CAN BE EFFECTIVE FOR. YOU'LL TALK MORE ABOUT THIS NEXT WEEK, I'M SURE, AT YOUR MEETINGS. I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T BRING THIS UP AT PUBLIC COMMENT TIME. OVERALL, JUST GOOD LUCK IN THESE REDISTRICTING EFFORTS, AND IT'S NICE TO BE HERE AND TO BE -- JUST HEARING THESE SORT OF THINGS. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS KELLY ABREU. WELCOME, KELLY. >> WELL, IT TURNS OUT THAT REDISTRICTING IN FREMONT DOESN'T NEED TO LOOK TO NEW CONCEPTS OF EQUITY. IT NEEDS TO LOOK AT NEW CONCEPTS -- NEW REQUIREMENTS OF LAW. AND THAT FAIR MAX ACT WHICH JUST CAME IN TO EFFECT A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS ABOUT TWO YEARS AFTER THE LAST REDISTRICTING. OR DISTRICTING, IF YOU WANT TO BE TECHNICAL ABOUT IT. AND IT TURNS OUT AT THE LAST DISTRICTING, THAT VOTE WAS 3-2. IT WAS A SPLIT VOTE THAT SHOWS THE GERRYMANDERED MAP. NOW, OF COURSE THERE WAS A GOOD POLITICAL MANEUVER TO PROVIDE COVER, SOME KIND OF A TROJAN HORSE OR MANEUVER TO CAMOUFLAGE THIS GERRYMANDERED MAP AS IF IT WAS -- SERVED THE INTERESTS OF A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY THAT A COUPLE WEEKS EARLIER HAD ALL BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THE NON-GERRYMANDERED MAP, THEY ALL CAME IN BUT THEY WERE PERSUADED TO COME IN AND ASK FOR THIS MAP THAT WE HAVE NOW, AND THIS, OF COURSE -- MOST OF THE MAP IS ACTUALLY NOT VERY CONTROVERSIAL FROM WHAT I SEE, READING IN WHAT PEOPLE WROTE IN 2017. LOOKING AT THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM JUNE 7TH. BUT THE DISTRICT 2, DISTRICT 3 DIVISION, THAT ZIG-ZAGY LINE, A FORMER COUNCILMAN SAID AT THE MEETING THAT IN ADDITION TO PRESERVING MORE OF THE AFGHAN COMMUNITY ALONG THE LINES OF CTB OR -- ENSURES TWO OF THE CANDIDATES DON'T HAVE TO FACE EACH OTHER IN THE 2018 ELECTION. AND ECHOING SOME CRITICISMS FROM OTHER SPEAKERS, CHO SAID THAT AMOUNTS TO, QUOTE, GERRYMANDERING AT ITS WORST." SO THIS ZIG-ZAGY LINE THERE, THERE WAS A C2A MAP, I GUESS, DID NOT HAVE THE PROBLEM, THERE'S A C2B MAP THAT IS GERRYMANDERED, AND THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK, CHECK ALL THE LINES, MAKE SURE THEY'RE ALL NICE AND THEY ALL CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR MAPS ACT. AND YOU KNOW, ONE OF THEM IS WHERE POSSIBLE TO CONFORM TO NATURAL BOUNDARIES, AND TO BE DRAWN TO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITIES FROM THE BOTTOM UP, NOT FROM THE TOP DOWN, TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE INCOMING POLITICIANS. SO LET'S BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT, THIS MAP THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW IS GERRYMANDERED. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, AND IT'S TIME TO FIX IT. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU. I'M TRYING TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY -- OKAY. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS. ALBERTO, IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT I MISSED?

>> MR. QUINTANILLA: NO, NO OTHER HANDS RAISED AT THE MOMENT.

>> MAYOR MEI: OKAY, THANK YOU. I WILL NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND I WILL TURN THAT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR ANY COMMENTS. BUT I BELIEVE WE'VE MOSTLY RECEIVING COMMENTS AT THIS MOMENT.

>> MR. STOTT: I'D LIKE TO INTERRUPT, MAYOR, I THINK THE PURPOSE OF THAT ITEM WAS JUST TO HEAR THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED COUNCIL COMMENTS BUT I'LL DEFER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY ON THAT.

>> MAYOR MEI: MY APOLOGIES, DEBRA. YOU'RE ON MUTE.

>> MS. MARGOLIS: THERE YOU GO. I WAS HAVING TROUBLE UNMUTING. BRIAN IS CORRECT, COUNCILMEMBERS MAY COMMENT IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO. THEY DON'T NEED TO AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND I DO WANT TO CAUTION COUNCILMEMBERS TO PLEASE NOT DISCUSS COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN DETAIL, AS WE HAVEN'T HAD ALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS YET AND ALL THE COMMENTS YET TO COME.

>> MAYOR MEI: THE ONLY COMMENT I HAVE IS THAT I'M HOPING THAT THE PUBLIC WILL PARTICIPATE. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE ARE INVITING THEM TO JOIN US AND TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION. I APPRECIATE THE MAPS AND THE FACT THAT THE DATA WILL BE UPDATED AND HOPEFULLY AS WE SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED WITH THE LATEST CENSUS COUNT, WE WILL BE REFLECTING THAT AND INVITING THE PUBLIC TO LOOK AT THOSE NEW INFORMATION IN TERMS OF WHERE THOSE LINES MAY BE POSSIBLY DRAWN. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS CONTINUED CONVERSATION. AT THIS TIME, THIS WAS THE LAST AGENDA ITEM THIS EVENING. AND SO ARE THERE ANY REPORTS OUT?

>> COUNCILMEMBER KENG: I DO HAVE A COMMENT.

>> MAYOR MEI: OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER KENG? SORRY, I CAN'T SEE YOUR HAND. IT KIND OF --

>> COUNCILMEMBER KENG: SO THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION, AND I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH ARE WE DOING TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW ABOUT THE REDISTRICTING AND HOW THEY CAN PARTICIPATE?

>> MAYOR MEI: SO I KNOW THAT -- I DON'T KNOW IF STAFF WANTS TO ANSWER. AMANDA, DID YOU WANT TO ANSWER?

>> SURE, I CAN ANSWER THAT. WE, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, BUT THE CITY IS GOING FURTHER, WE ARE REQUIRED TO AT LEAST PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TRANSLATED INTO DIFFERENT NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING LANGUAGES, SO WE HAVE DONE THAT IN ABOUT SEVEN LANGUAGES. WE HAVE PUT OUT THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IN LOCAL NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING MEDIA PUBLICATIONS AS WELL AS SHARING IT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS FREMONT ON THE CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS, ASKING OUR VARIOUS INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS TO SHARE IT ON THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS AND HAVE BEEN TO A COUPLE OF OUR COMMISSIONS HERE IN FREMONT. WE ALSO WELCOME YOU ALL TO SHARE ON YOUR PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA OR TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS AS WELL.

>> COUNCILMEMBER KENG: GREAT. THANK YOU, AMANDA.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE OUTREACH AND SUPPORT. I THINK THAT RIGHT NOW, NOT JUST IN OUR CITY AND OTHER CITIES, WE'RE GOING THROUGH A SIMILAR PROCESS, AND HAVE BEEN ENGAGING PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED AND LOOKING AT THAT. I KNOW THAT OUR COUNTY LEVEL HAS ALSO HAD A MEETING ALREADY, AND SO I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE IF THEY'RE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS TO PLEASE DIRECT TO EACH OF THE AGENCIES, WHETHER IT'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR IN THE QUESTION EARLIER THAT CAME UP WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS THEY WOULD BE THE GOVERNING AGENCIES MAKING THOSE DECISIONS, NOT OURSELVES. SO SEEING THAT, IF THERE'S NO OTHER -- AT THIS TIME, I WAS JUST GOING TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE WILL BE OPENING OUR DOWNTOWN EVENT CENTER SOON, AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO JOINED US AS WE OPENED UP THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS, WE'VE OPENED UP A BRAND NEW CAMPGROUND AS WELL AS A BRAND NEW PARK, THE LILA BRINGHURST PARK. SO WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO STAY HEALTHY, BE WELL, AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT THIS TIME. SO PLEASE STAY WELL AND THANK YOU FOR THE STAFF. SO IT'S ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M. THANK YOU.

[MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.]