

Fremont City Council Meeting
December 7, 2021
7:00 p.m.

>> MAYOR MEI: SO GOOD EVENING.

WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 7TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

I'D LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNCILMEMBER SHAO TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE.

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.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

THANK YOU, MS. GAUTHIER.

>> MS. GAUTHIER: COUNCILMEMBER COX, PRESENT.

COUNCILMEMBER SHAO, PRESENT.

COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES, HERE.

COUNCILMEMBER KENG, HERE.

VICE MAYOR SALWAN, PRESENT.

MAYOR MEI, HERE.

AND AS STATED ON TONIGHT'S SCHEDULED AGENDA, THE CITY IS HOSTING ITS SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON OUR 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

FOLLOWING WITH LAWS AROUND REDISTRICTING, THE PUBLIC HEARING MUST START AT 7:15 P.M.

ANY BUSINESS THAT THE COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING AROUND THAT TIME WILL BE STOPPED AND IF NOT FINISHED, WILL BE RE-OPENED AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE ARE VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THOSE, PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE UNDER BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES PAGE AT FREMONT.GOV, OR PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 510-284-4010.

AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK THIS EVENING, WHEN IT COMES UP FOR YOUR AGENDA ITEM OR PUBLIC COMMENTS OR DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING, MAY DO SO BY PRESSING THE RAISE HAND ICON ON ZOOM OR PRESSING STAR NINE IF YOU'RE DIALING IN.

I WILL ANNOUNCE IT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SESSION.

I'D KINDLY ASK WHEN YOU'RE SPEAKING TO PLEASE LOWER YOUR BROADCAST SO IT WON'T INTERFERE WITH THE BROADCASTING SOUND SYSTEM.

AND EMAILS SUBMITTED TO CITY CLERK ARE COMPILED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL AND STAFF AND PUBLISHED IN THE AGENDA ITEM ON FREMONT.GOV AND WILL BE PLACED ON FILE AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT MEETING WILL GO UP UNTIL 11:30 THIS EVENING IF NEEDED, AND WE'LL ALLOW FOR 30 MINUTES OF GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT UP TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.

IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS FOR ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AFTER THE INITIAL 30 MINUTES, WE'LL ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

I WILL NOW TURN THE MEETING OVER TO OUR CITY MANAGER, KARENA SHACKELFORD, FOR INTRODUCTION OF HER STAFF AT THIS TIME.

>> CITY MGR. SHACKELFORD: GOOD EVENING, MADAME MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

BEFORE I INTRODUCE STAFF, I'D LIKE TO JUST EXTEND A THANK YOU TO THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY AND THE WASHINGTON HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION.

BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONATED MONEYS TO OUR AFGHAN REFUGEES HELP FUND, SO WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THOSE COMMITMENTS.

TONIGHT WE HAVE WITH US MY COLLEAGUE, DEBRA MARGOLIS, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY, OUR CITY CLERK, SUSAN GAUTHIER, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR STAFF ARE ALSO HERE AND AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS OR PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY THIS EVENING.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

AND AT THIS TIME, THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE ITEMS THAT WILL BE PASSED WITH ONE COUNCIL VOTE AND THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION WILL STAND.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY WISH TO PULL AN ITEM MAY DO SO BY RAISING THEIR HAND, AND IF THE CITY CLERK HAS ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING -- IS THIS --

>> MS. GAUTHIER: DIANNE SHAW.

>> THIS IS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

>> MS. GAUTHIER: ALL RIGHT, WE'LL COME BACK TO THAT.

>> MAYOR MEI: THOSE WILL BE FOLLOWING.

SO CAN I GET A MOTION TO --

>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: MOVE TO APPROVE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER COX: SO MOVE.

>> MAYOR MEI: MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONES, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COX. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

>> MS. GAUTHIER: COUNCILMEMBER COX, AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER SHAO, AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, ABSENT --

>> COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN: AYE.

>> MS. GAUTHIER: I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU POP IN.

I DON'T SEE YOUR VIDEO ON.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES, AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER KENG, AYE.

VICE MAYOR SALWAN, AYE.

MAYOR MEI, AYE.

CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES UNANIMOUSLY AND IF WE COULD PLEASE NOTE THAT COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN HAS JOINED US THIS EVENING.

NEXT ON OUR ITEM THIS EVENING AND I'D LOVE TO SHARE THIS CEREMONIAL ITEM, AND I'M GOING TO READ THE FOLLOWING AND IF YOU'RE ACCEPTING IT, IF YOU WANT TO TURN ON YOUR VIDEO.

SO THIS IS HONORING SEA VALOR.

SO I'D LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT THIS.

WILL

WHEREAS, SEA VALOR WAS FOUNDED IN 2019 BY ERIC JONES, AND DURING THE THREE YEARS THAT SEA VALOR HAS BEEN OPERATIONAL, THE CREWS HAVE RESCUED OR ASSISTED MORE THAN

TWO DOZEN WINDSURFERS, KAYAKERS, KITE BORDERS, AND OTHER BOATERS; AND

WHEREAS, SEA VALOR WAS NOTIFIED BY A CREW MEMBER AND FRIEND OF THE PRUTHI FAMILY OF FREMONT ABOUT ARUNAY PRUTHI'S BEING SWEEPED OUT TO SEA BY A SNEAKER WAVE IN

JANUARY 2021 AND WORKED OVER THE NEXT MONTH WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES AND LED THE CIVILIAN

SEARCH, MANY OF WHOM WERE VOLUNTEERS AND RESIDENTS OF FREMONT AND INCLUDED ACTIVE AND

RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL, PERSONNEL FROM THE FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND LAW-

ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. DESPITE THE BEST AND TIRELESS EFFORTS OF HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS

ARUNAY WAS NOT FOUND, AND THE SEARCH WAS CALLED OFF; AND

WHEREAS, ON MAY 19, 2021, THE SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE INSTALLATION OF THESE LIFE-SAVING STATIONS AND LIFE

BUOYS WITHIN PILLAR POINT HARBOR WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE NETWORK ON THE

SAN MATEO COUNTY COAST, WHICH INCLUDES THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, CALIFORNIA STATE

PARKS RANGERS AND LIFEGUARDS, THE SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE COASTSIDE

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; AND

WHEREAS, IN JUNE 2021, TARUN AND SHARMISHTA PRUTHI OF FREMONT FORMED THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC LOSS OF THEIR SON TO EDUCATE, EQUIP, AND INFORM VISITORS ABOUT THE HAZARDS OF THE OCEAN ENVIRONMENT AND BECAME A FISCAL SPONSOR FOR SEA VALOR, WHICH CREATED AND DESIGNED LIFE-SAVING STATIONS AND LIFE BUOYS AS A WATER AND OCEAN SAFETY RESOURCE; AND

WHEREAS, ON NOVEMBER 10, 2021, A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE TO INSTALL

THREE LIFE-SAVING STATIONS - TWO NEAR SURFERS BEACH AND ONE NEAR MAVERICKS BEACH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT, RECOGNIZES THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THE LIFE-SAVING STATIONS BY SEA VALOR AND THE

WATER AND OCEAN SAFETY EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION WILL IMPROVE

MARITIME SAFETY FOR VISITORS TO THE CALIFORNIA COAST.

ACCEPTING THE RESOLUTION WILL BE VIRGINIA CHANG KIRALY,

WHO IS THE PRESIDENT, SAN MATEO COUNTY,

HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

I APOLOGIZE, I DO NOT SEE HER ON -- OH, THERE SHE IS.

WELCOME.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR MEI.

I THINK THAT YOU'VE GOT TWO COMMENDATIONS.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D JUST LIKE TO GO FOR BOTH OF THEM RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THEY'RE KIND OF TIED TOGETHER.

>> MAYOR MEI: SURE, LET'S DO BOTH AND YOU'RE ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY ON BOTH.

AND THIS IS A RESOLUTION FOR THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, ARUNAY PRUTHI WAS A RESIDENT OF FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ATTENDED THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF FREMONT AND BASIS INDEPENDENT FREMONT, AND PLAYED FOR THE

FREMONT YOUTH SOCCER CLUB SINCE 2015; AND

WHEREAS, ARUNAY LOVED TO SPEND TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND VISITED COWELL RANCH BEACH ON THE SAN MATEO COUNTY COAST IN JANUARY 2021 AND WAS LOST TO SEA

BY A SNEAKER WAVE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, WHO WAS KNOCKED DOWN

BY A SNEAKER WAVE AND SURVIVED; AND WHEREAS, MAY 19, 2021, THE SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE INSTALLATION OF THESE LIFE-SAVING STATIONS AND LIFE

BUOYS WITHIN PILLAR POINT HARBOR WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE NETWORK ON THE

SAN MATEO COUNTY COAST, WHICH INCLUDES THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, CALIFORNIA STATE

PARKS RANGERS AND LIFEGUARDS, THE SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE COASTSIDE

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; AND

WHEREAS, IN JUNE 2021, TARUN AND SHARMISHTA PRUTHI OF FREMONT FORMED THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC LOSS OF THEIR SON TO EDUCATE, EQUIP, AND INFORM

VISITORS ABOUT THE HAZARDS OF THE OCEAN ENVIRONMENT AND BECAME A FISCAL SPONSOR FOR SEA VALOR, WHICH CREATED AND DESIGNED LIFE-SAVING STATIONS AND LIFE BUOYS AS A WATER AND OCEAN SAFETY RESOURCE; AND

WHEREAS, ON NOVEMBER 10, 2021, A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE TO INSTALL THREE LIFE-SAVING STATIONS - TWO NEAR SURFERS BEACH AND ONE NEAR MAVERICKS BEACH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT, HEREBY RECOGNIZES THAT THE WATER AND OCEAN SAFETY EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE LIFE-SAVING STATIONS AND LIFE BUOYS WILL

IMPROVE MARITIME SAFETY FOR VISITORS TO THE CALIFORNIA COAST.

AND AGAIN, ACCEPTING TONIGHT FOR BOTH OF THESE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE VIRGINIA CHANG KIRALY, THE PRESIDENT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

>> I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND HONOR OF SERVING ON TWO BOARDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF FREMONT.

I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN MATEO HARBOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, WHILE THE FIRE DISTRICT IS PROUD TO HAVE A MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT, I AM HERE TONIGHT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE HARBOR BOARD AND HARBOR DISTRICT FOR OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION AND SEA VALOR FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO AND WORK ON ENSURING OCEAN AND WATER SAFETY FOR VISITORS TO THE CALIFORNIA COAST.

ON NOVEMBER 10TH THERE WAS A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION, SEA VALOR, THE U.S. COAST GUARD, THE SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS. IN WORKING TOGETHER, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE REGIONAL ATTENTION THAT YOU AND I, MAYOR MEI, HAVE GIVEN TO PUBLIC SAFETY BY TAKING THE FIRST SMALL STEP TO PROMOTE COASTSIDE SAFETY.

I THINK IT'S A REAL TESTAMENT TO RESIDENTS IN YOUR CITY, THE PRUTHI FAMILY, FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE IN TURNING THEIR TRAGEDY INTO A CALL TO ACTION. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE WITH YOU TONIGHT AND TO THANK THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION, SEA VALOR AND YOUR CITY COUNCIL FOR WORKING TO EDUCATE AND EQUIP VISITORS WITH WATER AND OCEAN SAFETY RESOURCES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

>> THANK YOU FOR BRINGING UP THE SUPPORT AND CONVERSATION, AND I THINK THAT ONCE WE TAKE HOLIDAY BREAKS, IT'S A GOOD REMINDER TO SO MANY OF OUR PUBLIC MEMBERS AS WE'RE OUT THERE TO BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE NATURE IS A VERY VOLATILE FORCE.

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS RESOURCE.

AT THIS TIME, I KNOW AT 7:15 WE HAVE TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TIMELY IN THAT.

SO THANK YOU, VIRGINIA.

PLEASE SHARE OUR APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ARUNAY FOUNDATION AS WELL AS TO SEA VALOR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: AND TO YOUR BOARD.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

SO AT THIS TIME, I WILL BRING UP THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AFTER THIS HEARING.

I APOLOGIZE, DIANNE.

BUT WE WANT TO BE ON TIME, SO AT 7:15, I'D LIKE TO OPEN THE CITY OF FREMONT REDISTRICTING PROCESS 2021 PUBLIC HEARING.

AND WE HAVE MANAGEMENT ANALYST AMANDA GALLO WHO WILL PROVIDE AN INTRODUCTION AND KRISTEN PARKS WHO IS A CONSULTANT WITH NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION.

WELCOME.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR MEI, GOOD EVENING.

AS MENTIONED, WE ARE HOSTING OUR SECOND REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING HERE AT THE CITY OF FREMONT.

REALLY LOOKING TO GET THE PUBLIC'S ENGAGEMENT IN THIS PROCESS AS WELL AS TO NOW REVIEW ITEMS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, MAPS THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND REVIEW THEM AMONGST THE COUNCIL HERE TONIGHT.

JUST A LITTLE OVERVIEW, OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE CITY HAS DONE PUBLIC OUTREACH THROUGHOUT FREMONT.

WITH A STRONG EMPHASIS ON REACHING OUR COMMUNITIES WHO ARE NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS, ALL OF OUR DOCUMENTS FROM OUR PAST HOSTED MEETINGS AND GOING FORWARD TO TONIGHT HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO EIGHT LANGUAGES.

MANY OF WHICH ARE POPULAR HERE IN FREMONT.

WE HAVE POSTED THESE NOTICES AND ADS IN VARIOUS ETHNIC MEDIA NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE BAY AREA, AND WHICH SERVICE FREMONT.

WE HAVE ALSO OPENED UP A SURVEY THAT IS OPEN TO OUR RESIDENTS AND WE'VE RECEIVED OVER 30 RESPONSES, WHICH IS GOING TO BE VERY HELPFUL TO OUR COUNCIL AND MOVING FORWARD IN THIS PROCESS, WHERE WE HAVE RECEIVED FEEDBACK ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, WHAT BRINGS THEM TOGETHER, AND THESE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORHOODS, RELIGION, LOCATION, WE WILL BE GOING INTO MORE OF THAT TONIGHT.

WE DID OUTREACH AND HAD SIX PUBLIC MAPS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.

THREE OF THEM WILL BE REVIEWED TONIGHT, AND THE CONSULTANT WILL EXPLAIN FURTHER WHY ALL SIX AREN'T GOING TO BE REVIEWED TONIGHT.

SO WE REALLY WILL CONTINUE THIS PUBLIC OUTREACH.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO STILL RESPOND TO THE SURVEY, WHICH WILL BE OPEN THROUGH THE END OF JANUARY 2022.

WE ARE ALSO STILL ACCEPTING MAPS, DRAFT MAPS ELECTRONICALLY WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND AT ALL COMMUNITY CENTERS AND LIBRARY.

SO THAT PUBLIC OUTREACH IS STILL A BIG IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROCESS, AND IT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 2022.

WITH THAT, I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL, TRICIA ORTIZ, AS WELL AS DEBRA MARGOLIS ARE HERE ON THE MEETING TONIGHT IF THERE ARE ANY LEGAL QUESTIONS.

AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER, KRISTEN PARKS IS OUR USUAL CONSULTANT ON THIS PROJECT.

SHE'S ACTUALLY AT A REDISTRICTING HEARING FOR MARIN COUNTY SO SHE'LL BE ON LATER, SO WE'LL HAVE KEN CHAWKINS GIVE US A PRESENTATION.

LIKE IN THIS STAFF REPORT, YOU WILL NOTICE SOME OF THIS INFORMATION IS REPEATED, BUT WE ARE OPEN AND HOPING THAT NEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE JOINING US HERE TONIGHT AND GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS.

SO I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO KEN.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU, AMANDA, THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

APOLOGIES, I'M THE UNUSUAL CONSULTANT.

AMANDA, AM I SHARING MY SCREEN AND SHOWING FROM HERE?

IS THAT THE BEST WAY TO DO IT OR ARE YOU GOING TO CLICK THROUGH?

>> SURE, IF YOU COULD.

>> I'LL SHARE A SCREEN.

OKAY.

I JUST WANT TO SAY WHAT IS GOING ON AT NDC, BUT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PARTICULARLY THE PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO ARE SERVING. THIS IS MADNESS GOING ON ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

COVID HAS DELAYED A LOT OF THE DATA, IT CAME IN LATE.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT LATER, BUT IT IS THIS PROCESS OF REDRAWING THE MAPS IS HAPPENING IN EVERY JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AND IT FEELS VERY PAROCHIAL BECAUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR LIST, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS REALLY THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF A DEMOCRACY.

YOU'RE DRAWING THE PLACES WHERE FOLKS ARE REPRESENTING.

AND IT HAPPENS EVERY 10 YEARS.

SO IT'S QUITE DRAMATIC FOR US ON OUR SIDE TO KIND OF WATCH ALL OF THIS TUMBLE AROUND IN MANY DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS.

AND I SUSPECT -- I DON'T KNOW, COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR, IF YOU ARE HEARING FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES, A LOT CAN BE LEARNED SORT OF FROM ALL THE OTHER PROCESSES AS WELL.

BUT IT'S REALLY PROFOUND BECAUSE IN THE END, NOW YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHERE PEOPLE GET REPRESENTED.

THE JUXTAPOSITION TO THAT, VERY QUICKLY, AMANDA, YOU SHOULD BE COMMENDED.

THE SURVEY IS NOT DONE IN VERY MANY PLACES.

THE OUTREACH IS REALLY HARD.

THIS IS AN OPAQUE KIND OF SUBJECT MATTER FOR CITIZENS.

THEY UNDERSTAND A ROAD OR A STOP SIGN.

THIS IS A HARD ONE TO GET PEOPLE EXCITED ABOUT.
THAT YOU GOT 30 RESPONSES IS REALLY IMPORTANT, SO WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS HERE.
HOPEFULLY THERE ARE SOME CITIZENS THAT HAVEN'T HEARD THIS PRESENTATION AND WE'LL SEE SOME IDEAS AND SOME MAPS AND WANT TO LEND THEIR VOICES TO THE PROCESS.
I DON'T SEE WHERE I CAN SHARE MY SCREEN.
I CAME IN AS A PARTICIPANT, AMANDA.
>> MAYOR MEI: DO WE HAVE ACCESS TO THAT, MS. GAUTHIER?
MAYBE WE CAN SHARE FROM OUR SIDE.
>> OH, I GOT IT.
SORRY.
I GOT IT.
MY APOLOGIES.
EVERYBODY SEE THAT?
OKAY.
THIS IS JUST YOUR CURRENT DISTRICT MAP AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE WHERE THIS IS IMPORTANT.
LATER ON, BUT THIS IS THE CURRENT BOUNDARIES AS THEY EXIST RIGHT NOW.
DRAWN IN 2017, BECAUSE YOU DID IT INSTEAD OF AT THE CENSUS, YOU DID IT IN BETWEEN -- IN THE MIDDLE OF A DECADE FOR A WHOLE HOST OF REASONS.
SO THIS IS RELATIVELY RECENT.
IT DOESN'T MEAN -- AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE NUMBERS DON'T CHANGE BECAUSE POPULATIONS DO OVER TIME.
HERE IS AN IMPORTANT TIMELINE.
YOU'RE REQUIRED TO DO AT LEAST FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS.
THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND OF THEM, IN BETWEEN THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT EITHER WORKSHOPS AND/OR OUTREACHES TO DIFFERENT AUDIENCES, DIFFERENT CITIES OR JURISDICTIONS DO THIS DIFFERENTLY.
THE IMPORTANT NOTE FOR YOU ALL IS THAT DEADLINE AT THE END IS APRIL 17TH.
THAT'S WHEN YOU HAVE TO ADOPT A NEW MAP.
MANY JURISDICTIONS HAVE TO ADOPT BY DECEMBER 15, SO THEY'RE AT THE END OF THIS PROCESS.
YOU'RE SORT OF IN THE MIDDLE, BEGINNING, ET CETERA, SO YOU'VE GOT SOME TIME TO AIR THE SUBJECT OUT.
BY THE WAY, I CAN'T SEE EVERYBODY.
PLEASE JUST JUMP IN AND INTERRUPT IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ALONG THE WAY.
THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST CRITICAL SLIDE FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND.
IF THERE WERE NO RULES AND WE COULD JUST DRAW THE MAPS, THAT MIGHT BE ONE WAY TO DO IT, BUT THERE ARE RULES.
THERE ARE FEDERAL RULES AND THERE ARE STATE RULES.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEY OPERATE BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE DRAWING MAPS, YOU HAVE TO BE AWARE OF WHAT THE RULES ARE, OTHERWISE THEY WON'T PASS MUSTER.
THE FIRST IS THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT ON THE LEFT.

THE EQUAL POPULATION RULE WAS SIMPLY ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE.
IT MAINTAINS THAT.

AS DISTRICTS GROW IN SIZE AND SHAPE, YOU CAN'T HAVE SOMEBODY IN THE SAME JURISDICTION REPRESENTING MANY MORE PEOPLE OR FEWER PEOPLE THAN SOMEBODY NEXT TO THEM.

AND SO AS POPULATIONS CHANGE, YOU HAVE TO ADJUST THE MAP IN AN EQUAL POPULATION.

SO FOR EXAMPLE, THE EASIEST ONE FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND IS THERE ARE 435 MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THEY COUNT ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, THEY DIVIDE BY 435 AND THAT'S THE NEW SIZE, THE TARGET SIZE OF A DISTRICT.

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IS ALSO REALLY IMPORTANT AND IT'S A SUBTLE THING TO SAY. AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHEN WE GET TO THE NOTES.

THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE PROTECTED CLASSES OF PEOPLE, RACIAL, ETHNIC AND LINGUISTIC GROUPS.

YOU CANNOT DRAW LINES THAT DILUTE THE POTENTIAL FOR THOSE GROUPS TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE.

IT DOESN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING, IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU A NUMBER, IT DOESN'T SAY WHAT THE SPECIFIC NUMBER IS, BUT IF A LINE IS SEEN AS DRAWING TO DILUTE THE POTENTIAL, THE COURTS WILL LOOK AT THAT AND SAY, NO, YOU'VE EITHER CRACKED IT, IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'VE SPLIT IT SO THAT THE TWO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES -- THEY GO TO TWO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS AND YOU DISALLOW THEM THE REPRESENTATION, OR YOU CAN ALSO PACK IT. IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE IN AN AREA THAT SHOULD POTENTIALLY -- THE POTENTIAL FOR TWO DISTRICTS AND YOU CARVE OFF AND YOU PACK EVERYBODY INTO ONE, YOU CAN'T DO THAT EITHER.

IT'S SUBTLE BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S WHAT THE COURTS ARE LOOKING FOR.

THE THIRD, I THINK MOST PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE PHRASE GERRYMANDERING, YOU MAY NOT KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM.

THERE WAS A GOVERNOR NAMED GERRY AND THEY CREATED A DISTRICT THAT LOOKED LIKE A SALAMANDER.

HE APPROVED THAT MANY, MANY YEARS AGO SO THEY CALLED THAT GERRYMANDERING. BUT YOU CANNOT CREATE A DISTRICT THAT'S SPECIFIC FOR A RACIAL GROUP.

AND THE COURTS WILL LOOK AT IT AND SAY, WELL, WHAT'S THE LOGIC OF THAT DISTRICT, AND IF YOU JUST GO AROUND TRYING TO CAPTURE A CERTAIN ETHNIC OR RACIAL GROUP, IT BECOMES OBVIOUS AND THEY'LL DISALLOW.

THAT'S THE FEDERAL SIDE OF THIS EQUATION.

THAT LITTLE ASTERISK THERE AS WELL IS CONNECTED TO THE FIRST ONE, EQUAL POPULATION.

THE COURTS UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET IT PERFECTLY.

WHAT THEY'VE SAID IS THEY WANT TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM DEVIATION OF 10%.

AND THAT MEANS IF YOUR LARGEST DISTRICT IS ABOVE 5 AND YOUR SMALLEST DISTRICT IS BELOW 5% OF THE TARGET, THAT'S MORE THAN 10 SPREAD, YOU WANT TO STAY AS FAR UNDER THAT 10 AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

IDEALLY YOU'D WANT TO GET EVERY DISTRICT THE SAME SIZE.
BUT YOU KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME VARIATION, YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO GO OVER 10% AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE, I THINK A GOOD EXAMPLE IN YOUR EXISTING MAPS. SECONDLY, THE CALIFORNIA FAIR MAPS ACT WHICH WAS PASSED JUST A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

THIS ADDS ANOTHER LAYER AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND TWO THINGS. THESE PRIORITIES ARE LISTED -- THESE CRITERIA ARE LISTED IN THE ORDER OF PRIORITY. THEY ARE ALSO INTENDED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WHERE PRACTICABLE. YOU CANNOT GET THESE THINGS PERFECT. IT'S A MIXTURE OF SORT OF ART AND SCIENCE. BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU GO CROSS WAYS ON ONE OF THESE OR THE COURTS SEE THAT YOU DON'T DO ONE OF THESE, THAT'S WHEN THEY'LL SAY, THIS MAP IS NOT VIABLE. SO IN ORDER THEY GO LIKE THIS.

CONTIGUITY MEANS THE DISTRICTS HAVE TO TOUCH EACH OTHER. YOU CANNOT HAVE MAPS THAT ARE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM EACH OTHER. THAT ONE IS RELATIVELY EASY TO SEE VISUALLY. BUT THERE ARE MAPS THAT KIND OF LOOK LIKE THEY'RE NOT CONTIGUOUS, AND THEY ARE BY SLIVERS AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THE RIGHT LOGIC OF HOW THEY WERE KEPT CONTIGUOUS, YOU'RE IN GOOD SHAPE. BUT THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

SECONDLY, YOU'LL HEAR THIS TERM "NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST." IF YOU SAID TO SOMEBODY, WHAT'S A NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY WOULD CLEARLY THINK GEOGRAPHY. MOST PEOPLE DO. SIMILARLY, IF YOU SAID WHAT'S YOUR COMMUNITY, THEY WILL THINK GENERALLY COMMUNITY. BUT I THINK AMANDA, IN YOUR COMMENTS, YOU POINTED OUT, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL TO BE THINKING BROADLY. IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES, IS IT SOCIOECONOMIC, IS IT AGE, YOU COULD HAVE A SENIOR COMMUNITY. THERE'S ALL SORTS OF WAYS TO DEFINE COMMUNITY, AND I WOULD ASK YOU TO NOT THINK ABOUT THE MAP BUT THINK ABOUT THE TERRITORY. WHERE DO PEOPLE WORK, WHERE DO THEY PLAY, WHERE DO THEY CONGREGATE, WHERE DO THEY DO WHAT THEY DO, AND THAT WILL HELP YOU MOVE TO COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. THAT'S THE TERM OF ART THAT'S USED IN THIS PROCESS. THE THIRD ONE IS IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES. THE COURT HAS SAID IT IS VERY, VERY LEGITIMATE, BOTH EITHER PERSON-MADE BOUNDARIES LIKE FREEWAYS AND ROADS AND SHOPPING CENTERS AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS, OR NATURAL ONES. IF THERE'S A MOUNTAIN RANGE, IF THERE'S A PARK, IF THERE'S A GREENWAY. YOU CAN USE THOSE IN THE CITY OF FREMONT TO IDENTIFY BOUNDARIES IF THEY MAKE SENSE. OFTEN THOSE PLAY VERY WELL WITH COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.

AND THE FINAL ONE IS COMPACTNESS.

IT SIMPLY MEANS IF THE MAP LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE JUMPING OVER ONE AREA TO GET TO ANOTHER, THAT STARTS TO LOOK REALLY UNUSUAL UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME REALLY UNUSUAL LOGIC OR A LOGIC THAT'S UNIQUE TO YOUR CITY, TO FREMONT.

BUT YOU'D WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DISTRICTS ARE AS COMPACT AS POSSIBLE, TO STAY AWAY FROM THIS NOTION OF GERRYMANDERING.

THE LITTLE CHECKMARKS SUGGEST THAT YOU CAN'T DISCRIMINATE, YOU CAN'T USE POLITICAL PARTY IN FAVOR OF ONE DISTRICT VERSUS ANOTHER.

THESE OTHER THREE ON THE RIGHT ARE NOT BY LAW, BUT IT IS THINGS THAT WE USE JUST AS A GUIDE AND YOU CAN USE THEM OR NOT.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, IF MEMBERS OF AN ELECTED BODY ARE ELECTED IN CERTAIN YEARS, YOU WANT TO TRY AND MAKE SURE NOT ONLY THAT IF THEIR DISTRICT CHANGES AND THEY MOVE INTO A DIFFERENT DISTRICT, THAT THINGS DON'T UNDO THEIR ELECTION CYCLE, WHEN THEY WERE ELECTED FOR.

SIMILARLY, ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE ELECTED FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

VOTERS MADE THAT CHOICE, AND YOU WANT TO TRY AND PRESERVE THAT.

IF YOU CAN KEEP THE EXISTING DISTRICTS AND THEY WORK FOR YOU, I WOULD SUGGEST YOU DON'T CALL OUT AND SAY, HEY, WE'RE STARTING AND WE WANT TO MAKE THIS OUR DISTRICT, WE'RE JUST GOING TO NIBBLE.

YOU'LL SEE NDC HAS PROVIDED A MINIMAL ADJUSTMENT MAP FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT AND THINK THROUGH.

BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN USE OR NOT.

SOMETIMES PEOPLE COME IN AND CHANGE MAPS COMPLETELY.

MOST IMPORTANTLY ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, THOSE THREE, THEY'RE NOT REQUIRED BUT IT IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BE SENSITIVE TO.

LET ME STOP THERE AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS THAT YOU HAVE. OKAY.

IF NOT, I'LL CONTINUE ON.

THIS IS WITH EACH OF THE MAPS, YOU WILL SEE THIS KIND OF -- THIS SPREADSHEET.

YOU SHOULD KNOW, THERE ARE MANY, MANY, MANY MORE LINES.

THIS COMES FROM THE CENSUS DATA.

WE'VE CUT OUT THESE PARTICULAR ONES BECAUSE WE HAVE FOUND THESE TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE MAKING THESE DECISIONS.

LET ME POINT OUT TWO ITEMS HERE.

FIRST, THAT THIRD LINE IS PERCENT DEVIATION.

SO REMEMBER AT THE BOTTOM, YOU'LL SEE YOUR TARGET IS 38,441.

THAT IS -- DIVIDED BY 6.

SO YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE DEVIATION IS IN SOME DISTRICTS LOW, FOR EXAMPLE, 1 AND 3 AND 5 AND IT'S A LITTLE HIGH IN 2, 4 AND 6.

THAT RED NUMBER ON THE RIGHT SUGGESTS THAT YOU ARE OUTSIDE OF THE 10% DEVIATION.

AND THAT IS IF YOU ADD THE HIGHEST OF THE UPSIDE, DISTRICT 6, AND THE LOWEST OF THE DOWNSIDE, DISTRICT 3, YOU'LL SEE THAT ADDS TO 10.62.

THAT'S AN IMPORTANT NUMBER BECAUSE THAT MEANS YOU'RE OUTSIDE, YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR CURRENT MAPS.

SECONDLY, YOU'LL SEE CITIZEN VOTING AGE POPULATION, AND THESE ARE PROTECTED CLASSES.

HISPANIC, NON-HISPANIC WHITE, NON-HISPANIC -- AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS IS YOU'LL SEE THE TOTAL POPULATION, BUT THE CITIZEN VOTING AGE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERCENTAGE THAT YOU'RE AFTER.

WE COULD GIVE YOU A PERCENTAGE THAT IS OF THE WHOLE, BUT INSTEAD THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT CAN VOTE.

AND THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO BE LOOKING FOR IN TERMS OF ARE YOU DILUTING OR CRACKING OR PACKING A PROTECTED CLASS.

AGAIN SIMILARLY, YOU WANT TO BE CAREFUL OF LANGUAGE THAT SAYS WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE AN AGENCY BUT YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT EITHER CRACKING OR PACKING, DILUTING IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

LET ME STOP AND ASK IF THERE'S ANY QUESTION THERE.

OKAY.

LET'S KEEP GOING.

I'M CHECKING, BY THE WAY, KRISTEN IS TRYING TO GET OFF OF HERS AND JOIN HERE AS WELL, SO I'M HAPPY TO DO BOTH.

I EXPLAINED THIS A MOMENT AGO.

THE IDEAL DISTRICT SIZE IS 38,441, THAT'S YOUR OVERALL POPULATION DIVIDED BY 6.

THE TOTAL DEVIATION, YOU SUBTRACT THE LARGEST FROM THE SMALLEST AND THEN THE PERCENT IS THE SAME THING.

THAT'S EXACTLY HOW YOU GET THOSE NUMBERS.

NOW, THIS TERM COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND NEIGHBORHOOD IS WHAT WE REALLY WOULD WANT TO ENGAGE, YOU, THE CITY COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

I SHOULD MENTION THAT IN DRAWING THE MAPS, WE TAKE A LOT OF INFORMATION.

IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO SUBMIT A FULL MAP, THAT'S GREAT.

IF THEY WANT TO SEND US A NOTE THAT SAYS THESE ARE THE COMMUNITIES I THINK ARE IMPORTANT OR THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ARE IMPORTANT, THAT'S GREAT AS WELL.

I WOULD ASK YOU TO BE THINKING -- ASKING, THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS THAT YOU WANT TO ENGAGE YOUR CONSTITUENTS WITH, AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE ONES MAKING THE DECISION WHAT IS THE MOST CRITICAL OF THESE THAT YOU NEED TO TRY AND REPRESENT IN A MAP.

I BELIEVE YOU'VE DONE -- YES, IN THE FIRST PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND I THINK, AMANDA, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP ME WITH THIS, DID SOME OF THIS COME FROM THE SURVEY AS WELL?

>> YES, THESE WERE MAINLY DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY RESPONSES.

>> PERFECT.

SO THIS IS A BEGINNING, THIS IS A STARTING POINT FROM THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING, WE'RE IN THE SECOND.

AGAIN, THIS IS COMING FROM YOUR CITIZENS -- OR YOUR RESIDENTS INDEED, I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CITIZENSHIP.

THIS IS COMPLETE AND TOTAL RESIDENTS, PEOPLE LIVING IN THE CITY OF FREMONT.

BUT DO THESE MAKE SENSE, DO THEY NOT.

ARE THERE OTHERS THAT YOU SHOULD INCLUDE OR YOU SHOULDN'T?

IS THERE A BOUNDARY THAT YOU THINK IS IMPORTANT VERSUS OTHERS?

I'M NOT INTIMATELY -- I KNOW WHERE FREMONT IS BUT I'M NOT INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH YOUR CITY AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

ONLY YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SORT OF DETERMINE WHAT MAKES SENSE.

WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO -- THAT HELPS US TO THE EXTENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO DESIGN AND DRAW MAPS, IT HELPS US DRAW THE MAPS THAT WE'RE GOING TO DRAW.

BUT I SUSPECT IT WILL HELP YOUR CITIZENS AS WELL.

AMANDA, ARE YOU LEANING IN OR JUST CHECKING IN.

>> I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT I SEE KRISTEN HERE ON THE MEETING.

AND FOR THE COUNCILMEMBERS, THE EIGHT QUESTION SURVEY AND THE RESPONSES WERE ATTACHED TO YOUR STAFF REPORT, IF YOU WANT A LITTLE CONTEXT OF WHERE THIS COMES FROM.

THANK YOU.

>> SO I'LL FINISH THIS OFF AND KRISTEN, WELCOME, AND WE'LL TRY AND TAG TEAM OR DO THIS AS BEST WE CAN.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT MAPPING TOOLS THAT YOU CAN USE.

YES, WE'RE IN A COMPUTER AGE BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE FIND USING A PAPER MAP MORE CONVENIENT.

IT LITERALLY IS A PIECE OF PAPER THAT YOU CAN DRAW WITH A CRAYON OR A PENCIL OR YOU CAN USE AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET THAT CONNECTS TO THIS MAP, AND YOU SIMPLY GO AROUND THOSE LINES AND YOU ADD UP ALL THOSE NUMBERS WHICH -- SORRY, THIS SCREEN IS IN THE WAY.

BUT YOU ADD UP THOSE NUMBERS AND IT WILL SHOW YOU THE COUNTS OF EACH DISTRICT THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DRAW, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

YOU CAN SEE HERE ON THE INSTRUCTIONS, IT'S EASIER FOR US IF WE SEE A THICK COLORED PEN THAT DOES THIS.

AGAIN, THIS CAN BE DONE EASILY BY HAND, AND IT ALSO CAN BE JUST CERTAIN AREAS AS OPPOSED TO A FULL-ON MAP.

SOMEBODY LOOKING AT THIS MIGHT ASK, HOW DO THE FREEWAYS PLAY INTO THINGS, WHERE ARE THE MAIN HIGHWAYS.

AS YOU ZOOM IN AND OUT, YOU CAN SEE THE BOUNDARIES THAT YOU WOULD BE AWARE OF AS RESIDENTS OF FREMONT.

SECONDLY, THERE'S A TOOL, THE DISTRICTR ONLINE MAPPING TOOL.

IT'S A RELATIVELY EASY TO USE TOOL.

THAT CITIZENS -- THERE'S TRAINING ON IT AS WELL.

FOLKS CAN GET IN AND RESIDENTS CAN GET IN, USE THIS TOOL, AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE MAPS WERE, I THINK, DONE IN THIS TOOL, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, KRISTEN.

THESE ARE ALL -- BY THE WAY, THESE TWO TOOLS ARE ON THE WEBSITE.

SO --

>> I CAN PROBABLY TAKE IT FROM HERE, KEN.

>> DO YOU WANT IT?

>> I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO STICK AROUND AND ADVANCE THE SLIDES OR IF I SHOULD SHARE MY SCREEN, BUT I KNOW YOU MAY HAVE ANOTHER MEETING THAT YOU ARE RUNNING OFF TO?

>> I MIGHT.

BUT LET ME STAY WITH THIS.

I'LL ADVANCE THE SCREENS UNTIL YOU GET TO THE END AND THEN WE'LL GO.

>> PERFECT.

ALL RIGHT.

SO I WILL SAY, FREMONT, YOU ARE MOVING AHEAD OF THE PACK.

YOU'RE MOVING QUICKLY.

IT'S EXCITING TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO RECEIVE MAPS FROM THE PUBLIC AND ONE MAP INTO THE MIX, WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING THAT THIS IS THE BEST MAP OR THE MAP YOU SHOULD GO WITH, BUT JUST SO THAT YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE ON THE TABLE TO ROUND IT OUT, AND WE WILL ABSOLUTELY BE CONTINUING TO SOLICIT MAPS FROM THE PUBLIC, SO THIS BY NO MEANS IS THE FINALIST OF MAPS THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER.

OF THE SIX MAPS PRESENTED OR SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT ONE OF THEM WAS NOT POPULATION BALANCED AND TWO WERE INCOMPLETE.

SO THE NEXT SLIDE WILL SHOW THOSE.

SO WE JUST CLICKED TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

WHAT YOU HAVE HERE IS ONE ON THE TOP RIGHT HERE, THE PUBLIC MAP 85704 DID HAVE A 25.93 DEVIATION, SO IT'S NOT GOING TO MEET THAT LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR POPULATION BALANCE.

AND THE OTHER TWO MAPS WERE PARTIAL MAPS THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE.

SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO STILL LOOK AT THESE MAPS TO SEE WHAT MESSAGES THE PUBLIC IS SENDING WITH THEM, SO CERTAINLY WITH THAT MAP ON THE BOTTOM, PERHAPS THEY'RE DRAWING THEIR COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND THEY USED THE DISTRICTING TOOL OR PERHAPS THEY'RE TRYING TO DRAW JUST ONE DISTRICT.

ALL OF THIS IS INFORMATION THAT WE CAN INTEGRATE ALONG WITH THE WONDERFUL RESULTS OF THE SURVEY THAT AMANDA HAS WORKED ON.

SO THE NEXT SLIDE, I AM GOING TO SHOW YOU JUST REALLY QUICKLY AN OVERVIEW OF ALL OF THESE MAPS, AND THEN IF DURING YOUR DISCUSSION YOU WANT TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT ANY OF THEM, I WILL PULL THOSE UP ON THE BROWSER AND YOU CAN ZOOM IN AND OUT ON THESE MAPS, AND AGAIN, FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK ON COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ON THESE PARTICULAR DRAFT MAPS OR MAPS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OR PRESENT IN THE FUTURE, AND FROM THE COUNCIL ANY DIRECTION FOR THE NEXT HEARING IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE NDC TO BRING OR WHAT FEEDBACK YOU HAVE ON WHAT'S BEEN PRESENTED TODAY.

SO YOU CAN SEE AS WELL WITH THESE PUBLIC MAPS, WE DO -- THERE'S A LOT OF VARIATION. SO THIS MAP IS POPULATION-BALANCED WITH 2.54%.

AND WE'LL LOOK AT THE NEXT ONE.

SO YOU CAN SEE HOW SORT OF DIFFERENT IN THE DOWNTOWN AND CENTRAL AREAS OF FREMONT, HOW DIFFERENTLY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE CONCEIVING OF THESE BOUNDARIES.

AGAIN, THIS IS A MAP THAT HAS A 2.1% DEVIATION.

AND THEN THERE'S ONE MORE PUBLIC MAP HERE, AND THIS MAP TAKES A SORT OF TOTALLY DIFFERENT APPROACH TO FREMONT, SORT OF SLICING THE PIE IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN IT CURRENTLY IS.

WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE ON DISTRICTR, YOU CAN CLICK A BUTTON TO COMPARE WHAT'S BEEN DRAWN TO THE CURRENT BOUNDARIES.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SHOWING YOU HERE IN THESE SLIDES.

BUT FOR ANYONE JUST SORT OF THINKING, I'M SURE COUNCILMEMBERS OR THE MAYOR ARE THINKING, WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE COMPARED TO THE CURRENT LINES?

I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE YOU CAN CHECK THAT BOX AND LOOK AT THAT.

BUT THEN TO END WITH NDC DID CREATE A MINIMAL CHANGE MAP.

THIS MAP BRINGS THE TOTAL POPULATION DEVIATION DOWN TO 3.2%, AND THE GOAL OF THIS MAP, BECAUSE IT WAS SO EARLY IN THE PROCESS AND I HAVE NOT RECEIVED DIRECTION FROM THE COUNCIL YET TO DRAW MAPS WITH ANY SPECIFIC CHANGES, SO I AIM TO PRESERVE THE CURRENT DISTRICTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND IN FACT, I BELIEVE AT LEAST TWO OF THESE DISTRICTS ARE TOTALLY UNCHANGED.

IN FACT -- YEAH, CHANGES WERE ONLY MADE TO FOUR OF THESE DISTRICTS.

SMALL CHANGES JUST TO TRY TO MOVE POPULATION.

SO AGAIN WE'RE NOT REALLY SAYING THAT THIS IS A GOOD MAP FOR YOU, BUT JUST TO SHOW YOU WHAT ONE OPTION MIGHT BE, AND TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH POPULATION WOULD NEED TO MOVE IN ORDER TO BRING THAT TOTAL DEVIATION DOWN TO A LOWER NUMBER.

SO THE NEXT TWO SLIDES JUST SHOW IN THIS MINIMAL CHANGE MAP WHAT THE TWO CHANGES ARE.

SO THE FIRST CHANGE IS THE CHANGE BETWEEN DISTRICTS 1 AND 2.

SO THE THICK BLACK LINES ARE THE CURRENT DISTRICTS, THEN THE COLORED AREA, THE COLOR THE AREAS ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES, AND SO THE PINK IS DISTRICT 1, AND THE BLUE IS DISTRICT 2, SO YOU SEE WE'RE JUST PULLING SORT OF THAT ONE NEIGHBORHOOD THERE INTO DISTRICT 1.

I'M NOT NECESSARILY SUGGESTING THIS IS LOGICAL.

YOU COULD PULL OTHER PARTS OF DISTRICT 2 INTO DISTRICT 1, BUT THAT'S THE SORT OF CHANGE THAT WE COULD MAKE MINIMALLY ON THE BOUNDARY LINES IN ORDER TO BALANCE POPULATION.

SIMILARLY WE'RE DOING SAME SORT OF THING HERE, THE BLACK LINES ARE THE CURRENT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND THE GREEN SHADED AREA IS THE PROPOSED DISTRICT 3 AND THE YELLOW SHADED AREA IS THE PROPOSED DISTRICT 6.

SO JUST PULLING A CHUNK OF POPULATION FROM DISTRICT 6 INTO DISTRICT 3 TO BALANCE OUT POPULATION.

SO HOPEFULLY IF ANYTHING, WHAT THIS DOES IS JUST GIVE YOU A STARTING POINT FOR YOUR DISCUSSION GOING FORWARD FOR WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN FUTURE PROPOSALS.

SO WE CAN END IT THERE.

I THINK THERE'S JUST THE LAST SLIDE ENCOURAGING DISCUSSION AND GIVING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

OR ASK ANY QUESTIONS.

>> SHOULD I STOP SHARING AT THIS POINT?

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT, KEN.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: SO AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FIRST FOR THE PRESENTATION AND AMANDA AND THE TEAM FOR THE WORK.

I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO THE COUNCIL FIRST FOR CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, AND THEN AFTER WHICH I WILL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

FIRST, CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR.

SO KRISTEN, JUST A QUICK QUESTION.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PUBLIC MAPS AND THE MINIMAL MAP THAT YOU HAVE PROPOSED, IS THE POPULATION DIFFERENCE ACTUALLY SMALLER ON THE TWO PUBLIC MAPS THAN IT IS ON YOUR PROPOSAL?

>> GOOD QUESTION.

THAT MAY BE TRUE.

WHAT DID I SAY FOR THE NDC MINIMAL CHANGE, YES, OUR DEVIATION IS 3.2%.

YEAH.

AND TWO OF THE PUBLIC MAPS GOT THAT MAXIMUM DEVIATION UNDER 3%, YEAH.

SO THEY'RE CLOSE, BUT -- WE ALWAYS HOPE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN DO IT BETTER, BUT AGAIN, I THINK NDC WILL BE MAKING ADDITIONAL MAPS BASED ON WHAT COUNCIL ASKS US TO BRING FORWARD.

>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: OKAY.

AND ONE OTHER QUESTION ON BOTH OF THE MAPS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT TO TELL AT SOME POINTS BECAUSE THERE ARE NO STREET NAMES ON ANY OF THE MAPS, BUT BOTH OF THOSE SUBMISSIONS ARE MOVING THE DISTRICT OF NILES INTO DISTRICT 2, IS THAT CORRECT?

I'M JUST GOING BY THE COLOR SHADING.

YES, YES.

LET ME PULL THOSE OPEN TOO.

JUST TO CONFIRM THAT.

I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THE CURRENT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES WAS THAT IT PRESERVED INTACT THE NILES DISTRICT.

SO THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE RECEIVED IN THE SURVEY.

AND YOU SHOULD ACTUALLY SEE STREET NAMES IF YOU ZOOM IN CLOSE ENOUGH, IF YOU'RE ACTUALLY CLICKING THE LINK ON THE DRAFT MAPS PAGE.

THE OTHER INTERESTING THING IS THAT YOU KIND OF HAVE TO KNOW WHAT THE DISTRICTS ARE, THE NUMBERING ON THIS ONLINE TOOL IS SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, NOT REALLY HELPFUL.

SO THERE ARE THREE PUBLIC MAPS, AND IF YOU WANT, I CAN SHARE MY SCREEN HERE SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT I'M LOOKING AT.

IF YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH THEM REALLY QUICKLY, JUST SORT OF FOCUSING ON THAT ONE AREA.

>> MAYOR MEI: SURE.

I SEE COUNCILMEMBER JONES NODDING HIS HEAD.

>> OKAY, GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, IT SEEMS THAT BOTH OF THOSE MAPS ARE FOLLOWING THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

>> YEAH, AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REALLY -- AND UNSURPRISINGLY REALLY RESONATED WITH THEM, WAS THEIR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, OFTENTIMES ARE DEFINED BY THEIR HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS.

SO I'M GOING TO SHARE MY SCREEN.

>> MAYOR MEI: RELATED TO THAT, I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY TO THE PUBLIC THAT WHILE THAT MAY BE OF SOME INTEREST FOR THE DISCUSSIONS OR MAP DRAWINGS, WE AS A CITY DO NOT SET THOSE BOUNDARIES, JUST TO CLARIFY FOR THE ATTENDANTS.

I READ ALL THE COMMENTS, WE HAVE ABOUT 30-SOME, AS WE SAID, BUT I SAW THEM AND SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WERE SPECIFICALLY TOWARDS ATTENDANCE OF THEIR SCHOOL, WHETHER ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR OR HIGH SCHOOL.

WE DO NOT SET THOSE.

THOSE ARE SEPARATE FROM OUR DISTRICTS.

THOSE ARE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, MAYBE, BUT WE DO NOT SET THE ATTENDANCE.

>> EXACTLY.

THOSE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AS WELL FOR THOSE DISTRICTS ALSO HAVE A DIFFERENT LEGAL PROCESS AND REQUIREMENT.

>> MAYOR MEI: KRISTEN, BEFORE YOU BEGIN, I JUST WANTED TO SEE THAT --

COUNCILMEMBER SHAO HAS HIS HAND RAISED, HE'S FROM DISTRICT 4.

COUNCILMEMBER SHAO, IS THIS RELATED TO THIS MAP?

OKAY.

WE'LL CALL YOU AFTER THIS WILL.

>> OKAY.

SO --

>> MAYOR MEI: CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, YES.

>> I'M GOING TO JUST REALLY QUICKLY SHOW THE THREE PUBLIC MAPS FOCUSED IN ON THE NILES DISTRICT.

SO I HAVE ADDED THE CURRENT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, SO THOSE ARE IN BLACK HERE.

AND THEN WHAT IS PROPOSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IS COLORED, AND I'LL GO BACK SO YOU CAN SEE THE POPULATION HERE.

THIS MAP IS 85739.

SO IF YOU'RE ON THE PAGE HERE, THIS IS THE SECOND ONE.

85739.

AND THEN THIS ONE HERE IS 8017 OH, SO THAT'S ACTUALLY THE FIRST ONE, ON THE TOP HERE.

YOU CAN SEE THAT WHAT THEY'RE DRAWING HERE IS ACTUALLY QUITE DIFFERENT.

LET ME PULL THE CURRENT DISTRICTS UP ON TO HERE.

AND THEN THE LAST ONE HERE, WHICH WOULD BE 86345, IS AT LEAST IN THIS NILES AREA A LITTLE BIT MORE SIMILAR TO THAT ONE.

YEAH.

AND AGAIN, LET ME PULL THE CURRENT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON FOR YOU.

SO YOU CAN SEE, AND AGAIN, THE NDC -- THIS WAS THE NDC MINIMAL CHANGE MAP.

YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE NDC MINIMAL CHANGE MAP OR THE CURRENT DISTRICTS IN THIS INTERACTIVE REVIEW MAP.

IF YOU WANT TO DO THAT.

BUT IT DOES LOOK LIKE NILES DISTRICT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN DISTRICT 4.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S STAYING IN DISTRICT 4, ALTHOUGH WITH THIS ONE MAP, IT'S SORT OF UNCLEAR WHAT THE -- I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE DISTRICT 4 ANYMORE.

BUT THE OTHER TWO, I THINK IT STILL WOULD BE -- OH, NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.

THAT'S NOT A DISTRICT 4 ANYMORE, AND WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE?

THIS ONE IS KIND OF HARD TO TELL.

YEAH, NO.

SO YEAH.

ALL OF THOSE ARE MAKING SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES FROM THE CURRENT MAP.

>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME, AGAIN, CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, AND WE HAVE SOME -- WE HAVE TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING TOO.

SO COUNCILMEMBER SHAO, CLARIFYING QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SHAO: THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR.

I HAVE TWO CLARIFYING QUESTIONS.

FIRST ONE IS FOR THE NDC MAP, WOULD THAT -- GOING TO -- WOULD THAT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE ZIGZAGGING BORDER THAT WAS LEFT IN THE CURRENT BORDER THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS A SIGN OF GERRYMANDERING, THAT'S, YOU KNOW, ONE QUESTION.

SO THE SECOND QUESTION IS THAT I NOTICED THAT PUBLIC HAS IDENTIFIED WARM SPRINGS BART STATION COMMUNITY AS ONE COMMUNITY.

AND EVEN THOUGH RIGHT NOW THE HOUSES ARE BEING BUILT AND PEOPLE HAVEN'T MOVED IN, BUT WE CAN FORESEE THAT IN THE VENER FUTURE, THE LOCAL POPULATION IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD IS GOING TO INCREASE DRAMATICALLY, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT TIP OVER THE SO CALLED BALANCE.

SO IS THAT ALSO TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION?

>> NO, NOT YET.

AND PART OF WHAT I'M HERE TO DO TONIGHT IS TO TAKE NOTES ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

SO FIRST IN THE CASE OF THE WARM SPRINGS BART AREA, IF WE DID WANT TO UNDERPOPULATE DISTRICT 5 BY MAYBE 1 OR 2%, DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH GROWTH YOU ANTICIPATE, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS LEGALLY ADMISSIBLE AND SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO.

AGAIN, WE NEVER REALLY WANT TO PRIORITIZE THINKING ABOUT FUTURE GROWTH, BUT ONCE WE HAVE CONSIDERED COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AND ALL OF THE OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENT, WE CAN DO THAT.

AND WITH THE ZIGZAGGING LINES THAT WE HEARD A LOT FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT, PARTICULARLY THE DIVISION OF THE GLENMOOR AREA, I THINK THAT THAT DEFINITELY -- IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL ON WHAT THEY MIGHT LIKE TO SEE IN THAT AREA, I WOULD WELCOME THAT.

OTHERWISE IF YOU WOULD JUST LIKE ME TO BRING FORWARD, BECAUSE MY HUNCH -- BECAUSE THE POPULATION ALWAYS HAS A RIPPLE EFFECT WHEN YOU MOVE THE POPULATION, IT'S NOT JUST GOING TO BE ONE OPTION.

IN ORDER TO UNIFY GLENMOOR.

SO IF THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE ME TO BRING FORWARD TO THE NEXT HEARING TWO OPTIONS THAT WOULD UNIFY GLENMOOR, YOU KNOW, OR AS A MINIMUM, RIGHT? YOU KNOW, RATHER THAN JUST ONE, I THINK THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE REASONABLE.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER SHAO.

IS THAT YOUR ONLY CLARIFYING QUESTION?

I THINK YOU'RE DONE?

OKAY.

SORRY, YOU'RE ON MUTE.

COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN.

VICE MAYOR SALWAN, CLARIFYING QUESTIONS.

>> VICE MAYOR SALWAN: THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR.

YEAH, COUNCILMEMBER SHAO JOGGED MY MEMORY.

SO WHAT IS THE CURRENT POPULATION OF THAT WARM SPRINGS AREA?

I KNOW LIKE -- I DON'T KNOW, 75% IS OCCUPIED OR WHAT IS THE ROOM FOR GROWTH ONCE IT'S ALL FULLY OCCUPIED?

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER THAT OR IF ANYONE FROM STAFF KNOWS?

>> I COULD TELL YOU THE CURRENT DISTRICT 5, BUT I DON'T HAVE IT ACTUALLY DOWN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL.

I COULD PULL IT BUT I DON'T HAVE IT RIGHT NOW.

>> VICE MAYOR SALWAN: OKAY.

MAYBE IN THE FUTURE THEN.

THANKS.

>> MAYOR MEI: I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT.

I THINK UNFORTUNATELY THIS YEAR THE CENSUS IS GOING BACK AND FORTH IN TERMS OF THE DEADLINE AS WELL AS SOME OTHER MITIGATING FACTORS THAT MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO COUNT, AND I KNOW THAT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ME BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO SEE US GET A BETTER COUNT.

UNFORTUNATELY BECAUSE OF COVID AND OTHER PROJECTS, IN TERMS OF HAVING PEOPLE MOVE IN WERE DELAYED A LITTLE BIT TOO, SO WE SAW THAT.

AT THIS TIME, I DON'T SEE ANY CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

I'M GOING TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SO WE'D LIKE TO CALL OUR SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM.

I'LL BEGIN WITH DIANE SHAW.

>> SO I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR THIS ITEM.

JUST FOR --

>> MAYOR MEI: OH.

MY APOLOGIES.

MAYBE THAT'S MY FAULT.

DID I SKIP EARLIER THE -- OH, NO, WE SAID WE HAVE TO GO BACK -- IT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SO KELLY, YOU'RE RAISING YOUR HAND FOR THIS ITEM, CORRECT?

>> YES, I AM.

>> MAYOR MEI: OKAY.

WELCOME.

>> THIS DISTRICTING PROCESS SHOWS -- IT'S EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING.

LET'S START AT THE TOP, AT THE DIVISION BETWEEN DISTRICT 1 AND DISTRICT 2.

YOU'RE PROPOSING TO PUT A NARROW NECK IN ALONG PASEO PADRE AND RUN IT OVER AND THEN CREATE THIS APPENDIX THAT'S GOING TO GRAB SOME HOUSES, AND YOU'RE CALLING THAT CONTIGUOUS.

WHICH IS STRETCHING THE MEANING ENORMOUSLY.

THAT SHAPE SHOWS, YOU KNOW, A LACK OF A DEEP SEEDED FOUNDATIONAL GUT FEEL FOR WHAT IS CONTIGUITY.

ALTHOUGH MAYBE IT'S LEGAL.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN DISTRICT 2 AND 3.

YOU'RE RELUCTANT TO PLAY AROUND WITH THAT.

YOU WANT SUGGESTIONS?

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO THE 2017 WEBSITE, TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE MAPS, AND YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE WAS A MAP THAT DIVIDED UP GLENMOOR USING STRAIGHT LINES. AND IT WAS A POPULATION BALANCED MAP.

AND WHY DON'T YOU JUST GRAB THAT MAP THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER BY, YOU KNOW, EXPERT CONSULTANTS, AND USE THAT AND SEE HOW THAT WORKS.

AND IF IT DOESN'T WORK, THEN TWEAK THAT A LITTLE BIT, BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, THAT MAP WAS KIND OF STRAIGHT AND KIND OF SIMPLE.

SO THE DIFFICULTY IS NOT SO DIFFICULT IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE 2017 MAPS.

AND THIS QUESTION ABOUT, OH, MY, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THOSE NEW PEOPLE THAT BOUGHT PROPERTIES, HOMES, RESIDENCES, RIGHT NEXT TO THE WARM SPRINGS BART STATION?

WELL, UNFORTUNATELY, IF YOU STUDY THE LAWS, YOU'LL FIND OUT THAT THAT'S AN INVALID QUESTION.

WE ONLY CARE ABOUT WHAT WAS THE POPULATION BALANCE AS OF SOME DATE IN EARLY 2020, THE CENSUS DATE.

IF POPULATION HAS CHANGED ENORMOUSLY IN THE LAST, YOU KNOW, YEAR OR YEAR AND A HALF OR WHATEVER, SIX MONTHS OR HOWEVER LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE THE LAST CENSUS.

THAT'S NOT LEGALLY ADMISSIBLE.

YOU CANNOT BE SETTING UP YOUR DISTRICTS IN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE CHANGES OR TO REACT TO CHANGES THAT YOU KNOW ALREADY HAPPENED, BUT ONLY HAPPENED AFTER -- YOU MUST SET UP YOUR DISTRICTS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE CENSUS DATA.

THIS TALK ABOUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THESE FUTURE CHANGES IS COMPLETELY ILLEGAL AND IRRELEVANT.

AND PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, IF BACK TO THE 2017 MAPS AND FIX THAT GLENMOOR DIVISION.

PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ONE MORE TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND IF YOU CAN MAKE THE COMMENTS TODAY OR FEEL FREE TO ALSO LOOK AT THE MAPS ONLINE.

SEEING NONE, I'M GOING TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT THIS TIME.

AND I'M GOING TO TURN IT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR OUR COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION.

ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL?

OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER SHAO.

OR --

>> COUNCILMEMBER SHAO: THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ONE OF THE THREE PUBLIC MAPS, WHERE MISSION SAN JOSÉ COMMUNITY WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE DIFFERENT PARTS, AND THAT CERTAINLY, TO ME, DIDN'T COMPLY TO THE RULE OF COMPACTNESS, AS WELL AS REASONABLE BOUNDARY.

IF YOU LOOK AT THAT MAP, DISTRICT 6, I BELIEVE, LOOKS LIKE A CANDLELIGHT OF SOME SHAPE, INSERTING INTO -- IN THE IRVINGTON COMMUNITY INTO THE MISSION SAN JOSÉ COMMUNITY.

THEREFORE, FURTHER DIVIDING THE MISSION SAN JOSÉ COMMUNITY.

SO EVEN THOUGH THAT MAP HAS THE BALANCE OF THE POPULATION, I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT POINT OUT THE LACK OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT RULES.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR.

I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT THAT I'VE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF EMAILS REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN DISTRICT 2, SO MOVING THAT BOUNDARY FURTHER EAST TO POSSIBLY PASEO PADRE.

I DO NOT KNOW HOW THAT WOULD AFFECT THE POPULATION.

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MINIMAL BECAUSE SUCH A LARGE PORTION OF THAT LAND IS TAKEN UP BY THE HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY ITSELF.

SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT KRISTEN COULD LOOK INTO GOING FORWARD OR NOT.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN.

WELCOME.

>> COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN: THANK YOU.

RIGHT NOW, THE CENTERVILLE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PIECES, AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, THAT IS A PRETTY COHESIVE AREA THAT HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL TO

GROW AND BECOME KIND OF A MORE URBAN WALKABLE DISTRICT AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT ALL IN ONE DISTRICT INSTEAD OF DIVIDED INTO TWO.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

I DON'T SEE COMMENTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

OR OTHER ATTENDEES.

AGAIN, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS, AND TO LOOK AT THE -- WHAT IS CONSIDERED COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.

I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE MAPS WITH THE OTHER OVERLAY, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

AND THEN AGAIN, I WOULD JUST STRESS BECAUSE HAVING READ SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WERE ABOUT PARKS, CERTAINLY READ ABOUT GLENMOOR, GOTTEN FEEDBACK ON THAT SPECIFICALLY, ABOUT TRYING TO BRING BACK THE NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER, OR ALL GLENMOOR.

A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AREAS.

AND AGAIN, EVEN IF WE WERE TO DRAW COMMUNITY OF INTEREST THAT WAY, I WAS LOOKING AT ONE OF THE DATA POINTS THAT YOU NOTED, HOW MANY POPULATION BY DISTRICT HAD CHILDREN OR HAD SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN, I NOTICED THAT TOO WAS ONE OF THEM, SO THAT WAS SOME OF THE DELINEATION AND THE BREAKDOWN, SO I WOULD ASK PEOPLE -- EVEN IF WE WERE TO MAKE SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS LOOKING AT SOME OF THAT, AGAIN, IT DOES NOT AFFECT AT ALL THE ENROLLMENT PLACEMENT OR THE FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOLS OR THE ATTENDANCE AREAS, BECAUSE WE DO NOT -- I SAW SOME PEOPLE ASKING FOR CERTAIN AMENITIES FOR THE SCHOOLS.

AGAIN, WE DO NOT GET INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE SCHOOL SITES, LIKE THE MAINTENANCE OF THOSE.

SO SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME, I'VE ALREADY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

I WANT TO SEE IF -- I HAVE A COUNCILMEMBER THAT RAISED THEIR HAND.

COUNCILMEMBER COX, DID YOU HAVE A CLARIFYING QUESTION OR COMMENT AT THIS TIME?

>> COUNCILMEMBER COX: I DID.

I WAS LOOKING AT THE DNC MEMO AND CHANGE MAP, AND I NOTICED THAT SOME OF THE AREA THAT WAS IN THE GREEN, WE HAVE HAD SOME OF THE SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AROUND STEVENSON BOULEVARD, AND IN YOUR MAP, YOU HAD KIND OF CUT OFF A LOT OF THAT, A CERTAIN PORTION AROUND THAT AREA THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE RE-ENTERED IN WITH STEVENSON, BECAUSE I THINK IT ADDS A LITTLE BIT MORE CONFUSION IF YOU CUT A CERTAIN PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OUT.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MISSION -- AND BE BACK PART OF THE STEVENSON AREA, IF I CAN MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THAT PART.

BECAUSE THAT'S A REALLY BUSY STREET, AS YOU KNOW.

WITH STEVENSON BOULEVARD AND INCLUDING BACK IN THAT AREA.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

VICE MAYOR SALWAN.

>> VICE MAYOR SALWAN: THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR.

I GUESS THE DEMOGRAPHER IS LOOKING FOR COMMENTS, SO SOME OF THE STUFF THAT WE TALKED ABOUT, I MIGHT AS WELL GET MY THOUGHTS OUT THERE.

SO I THINK DEFINITELY THE GLENMOOR, WE WANT TO CLEAN UP, MAKE IT NICE AND STRAIGHT, GET ALL THAT IN ONE AREA.

I'M NOT FAMILIAR HOW THAT'S DIVIDED BUT I DO AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, IF WE CAN MAKE CENTERVILLE CORE IN ONE DISTRICT, THAT WOULD BE IDEAL.

I DIDN'T COMPLETELY APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER SHAO'S COMMENT -- DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT BY THREE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS, BUT WE CAN DEFINITELY LOOK AT MISSION SAN JOSÉ AND IF TON INTERSECTION OR SOME OF THE AREAS THERE WHERE THERE MAY BE SOME WAY TO UNITE SOME OF THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS.

>> IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN SHARE MY SCREEN AND SHOW YOU THE TWO THINGS THAT YOU JUST WERE TALKING ABOUT, SO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE HERE. THIS IS THE CURRENT MAP SO YOU CAN SEE THE CENTERVILLE DISTRICT HERE THAT HAS PORTIONS OF IT IN DISTRICT 3 AND DISTRICT 2.

AND THEN THE MAP THAT WAS DIVIDING UP MISSION SAN JOSÉ, I BELIEVE IT'S THIS ONE WHICH IS 80170, THE PUBLIC MAP, AND IT IS MAKING -- THIS IS THE CANDLE, RIGHT, THE FLAME OF THE CANDLE.

SO I DID MAKE A NOTE OF THAT, AND THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF FEEDBACK THAT I'M LOOKING FOR, SO THANK YOU.

KEEP IT COMING, AND I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT.

I'LL STOP SHARING NOW.

>> MAYOR MEI: I APPRECIATE THAT.

IT'S EASIER TO SEE SOMETIMES.

COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN?

>> AND ONE OF THE MAPS WAS -- MAYBE TOO FAR OUT OF SCOPE BUT THAT WAS DESIGNED BY THE COMMUNITY.

IT WOULD REQUIRE A LOT OF CHANGES.

REGARDING NILES, I AM INTRIGUED BY SOME OF THE MAPS THAT COMBINE THE NORTH PART OF TOWN, SO IF DISTRICT 2 WENT UP TO NILES, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH POPULATION THERE IS IN NILES, BUT IF WE CAN HAVE UP TO MAYBE LIKE MISSION AND MOWRY, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO SEE IF THAT CAN BE MADE PART OF DISTRICT 2, I WOULD BE OPEN TO THAT.

OF COURSE IT GOING TO -- IN MY FEEDBACK FROM MY COLLEAGUES, TO SEE WHAT THEY THINK.

BUT I THINK WE SHOULD EXPLORE SOME OF THESE THINGS. DISTRICT 6, I WAS SURPRISED BY THE POPULATION.

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE -- IF THERE'S SOME MINOR TWEAKS TO KIND OF OFFSET SOME OF THE IMPACTS IF WE DO END UP CHANGING DISTRICT 4, WE CAN LOOK AT THAT AS LONG AS THERE'S MAJORITY CONSENSUS.

BUT OVERALL, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD DISCUSSION, AND I THINK WE'VE GOT SOME GOOD BUILDING BLOCKS.

LOOK FORWARD TO MORE DISCUSSIONS IN THE FUTURE.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER KENG.

COMMENTS?

>> COUNCILMEMBER KENG: THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR.

SO I THINK BEFORE THE CURRENT -- THE CURRENT BOUNDARY LINES PROBABLY DISTRICT 1, THE LINE BETWEEN DISTRICT 1 AND 2 IS PROBABLY THE MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD, WHICH IS ONE STRAIGHT LINE ALONG DECOTO AND HIGHWAY 880.

SINCE WE'RE LACKING A LITTLE BIT IN POPULATION IN DISTRICT 1, SO I SAW THAT MIDDLE POCKET ALONG PASEO PADRE.

I GUESS IT DOES LOOK LIKE IT'S KIND OF BECAUSE IT'S IN ITS OWN LITTLE POCKET, SO I THINK WE COULD EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS IF THERE'S OTHER AREAS, I THINK WE'D PROBABLY BE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION, BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST. I'M NOT SURE IF I SAW ANY AREA THAT'S IN DISTRICT 1 THAT'S PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN THAT LIST, OR ARE THEY JUST LIKE EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST BUT NOT THE WHOLE LIST?

>> THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION.

AMANDA, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD, IF WE'VE HEARD FROM FOLKS EXPLICITLY FROM DISTRICT 1?

>> SO THE LIST THAT WAS PRESENTED ON THE SLIDES, THAT WAS A SUMMARY OF THE TOP 10 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST OR THE RESPONSES THAT WE SAW OVER AND OVER THE MOST RESPONSES ABOUT.

SO I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY SPECIFIC EMAILS ABOUT DISTRICT 1, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOUR CONSTITUENTS TO BE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS.

THE CITY HAS POSTED A LOT OF THINGS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES REGARDING THIS PROCESS OR IN THE FREMONT CONNECTION NEWSLETTER, SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDEWAYS THAT WE CAN REACH THE PUBLIC.

BUT I WOULD SAY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS AS WELL, WE WOULD WELCOME ALL THEIR FEEDBACK.

>> CITY MGR. SHACKELFORD: CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT THAT LIST WAS -- I'M SORRY. I'M HAVING COMPUTER ISSUES SO I'M ON TWO DIFFERENT DEVICES.

THE LIST WAS REFLECTIVE OF THE EIGHT QUESTIONS THAT WERE ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT?

>> YES.

SO THE ONLINE SURVEY.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER JONES: I WANTED TO ECHO THE COMMENTS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SALWAN AND COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, STRAIGHTENING OUT THE LINE PROBABLY USING MOWRY AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN'S ABOUT THE LINE CURRENTLY BETWEEN 2 AND 3, FREMONT BOULEVARD, ONE SIDE OF THE STREET IS ONE DISTRICT, THE OTHER SIDE IS THE OTHER.

WE DO HAVE A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT, FINGERS CROSSED, COMING IN THERE, SO MOVING THAT LINE A LITTLE BIT EAST, POSSIBLY TO JASON WAY, BUT ALSO MOVING IT NORTH AND EAST AGAIN TO INCORPORATE DALE HARD WEAR AND SOME OF THE OTHER BUSINESSES SO

THAT ALL IS INCLUDED BECAUSE THAT'S ALL PART OF THE CENTERVILLE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

SO THAT DOES MAKE A LOT OF SENSE.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

AND I SEE COUNCILMEMBER COX.

>> COUNCILMEMBER COX: YES, I ALSO WANTED TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT SOME OF THE PUBLIC MAPS, IT'S TAKING ME A LITTLE WHILE TO GO BACK AND FORTH HERE. SOME OF THE PUBLIC MAPS, THEY'RE VERY DIFFERENT AND NOT ALIGNED WITH SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BACK IN 2017.

LOOKING AT SOME VERY DRASTIC CHANGES WITH PUBLIC MAP 80170 AND 86343.

THAT COULD LEAD TO A LOT OF NEIGHBORHOODS REALLY CONFUSED ON HOW THAT IS WORKED OUT.

AND BETWEEN NDC MEMO MAP AND THE MAP THAT IS 85739, FOR DISTRICT 6, I THINK KEEPING ALONG THE LINES OF STEVENSON, PASEO PADRE, OSGOOD, AND WE BACK AWAY UP AGAINST THE FREEWAY.

AND THEN ALSO ON AUTOMALL PARKWAY.

THOSE ARE KIND OF THE -- WHAT'S CONSISTENT WITH WHAT'S BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE IRVINGTON AREA THERE, TO KIND OF KEEP ALONG THOSE LINES.

BUT IT'S -- BUT NOT INCLUDING ANY STREETS THAT GO INTO MISSION, BECAUSE IT KIND OF GETS MORE CONFUSED THERE, THAT OSGOOD IS KIND OF LIKE THE DRAWING LINE OF KEEPING WITHIN THE IRVINGTON AREA.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR, YOU'RE MUTED.

>> MAYOR MEI: I WAS SAYING THAT I APPRECIATE THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE WANTED TO GO WITHIN SOME OF THE NATURAL STREET BOUNDARIES AND I KNOW HAVING SAT FORMALLY AT LEAST ON AN ATTENDANCE AREA, THAT'S OBVIOUSLY CHANGED TOO, AT ONE POINT -- TRYING TO PARALLEL NATURAL STREET AND BORDERS BUT THE POPULATION PIECE OF IT IS SOMETIMES A LITTLE BIT OF A CHALLENGE.

SO I SAW THAT IF WE CAN DO -- I MEAN, I KNOW WE'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF OUTREACH, BOTH ON ETHNIC AND WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED GROUPS, BUT IF EACH OF US AS COUNCILMEMBERS COULD ALSO TRY TO REACH OUT TO THOSE THAT YOU'RE WORKING WITH BECAUSE I SAW WHEN READING THE COMMENTS, THERE WERE CERTAINLY SOME DISTRICTS THAT WERE MORE VOCAL THAN OTHERS IN PROVIDING FEEDBACK.

BECAUSE I LOOKED THROUGH ALL OF THEM.

SOME ARE JUST MORE ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS.

AND I WOULD LOVE US TO HAVE MORE OF THAT INPUT EARLY ON, RATHER THAN AT THE END, WHICH I THINK IS MOST UNFORTUNATELY WHAT HAPPENS, IS THAT PEOPLE COME AT THE VERY END AND GO, WAIT, I DON'T WANT THIS TO BE MY DISTRICT.

WELL, THIS IS WHY WE'RE HAVING THESE FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, IS TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE DO GIVE US THOSE COMMENTS.

SO I'M HOPING THAT PEOPLE DO JOIN US IN THIS.

AGAIN AS COUNCILMEMBERS, FEEL FREE AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TO MOCKUP SOME OF THESE AND THEN TO COME TALK TO US ABOUT THIS IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THESE HEARINGS AND THESE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS.
GREAT.

I'VE ALREADY CLOSED THE PUBLIC SESSION.

WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK, THIS TIME HAS NOW ENDED.

MY APOLOGIES TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PEOPLE.

BUT THE WAY THAT THIS IS DESIGNED BY LAW IS FOR OUR REDISTRICTING PROCESS MUST BE CONDUCTED EXACTLY AT 7:15.

SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO PUBLIC COMMENT, AND ANY OF THE SPEAKERS.

I SEE DIANE SHAW IS STILL THERE, PATIENTLY WAITING.

SO MS. SHAW?

>> THANK YOU.

I HAVE NO PROBLEM, IT WAS VERY INTERESTING LISTENING TO THE LAST ONE.

HELLO, MY NAME IS DIANE SHAW AND I AM VICE PRESIDENT OF OHLONE HUMANE SOCIETY. OHS IS A VOLUNTEER-RUN NON-SHELTER ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES THE NEEDS OF WILD AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE FOCUS ON PET OVERPOPULATION AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO STRUGGLING PET OWNERS.

WE'VE PARTNER DOLLARS WITH THE TRI -- THERE WAS PUBLIC OUTDRY OVER THE EUTHANASIA RATE AT THE SHELTER.

WE PUT TOGETHER BOTH THE TNR TEAM AND KIT ENFOSTER PROGRAM TO HELP SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

TNR STANDS FOR TRAP NEUTER RETURN AND IS ALL ABOUT ENSURING OUR COMMUNITY CATS ARE FIXED SO WE DON'T GET INUNDATED.

ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF OUR CALLS AND EMAILS WERE ABOUT HOW TO GET CATS FIXED YOU CAN SEE THE PROBLEM IS GROWING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC CATS AND KITTENS THAT NEED THE SAME SURGERY DONE.

IT IS QUICKLY GETTING OUT OF CONTROL AND THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH VETERINARIANS TO HELP US WITH OUR WORK.

THE SHELTER HAS THE SAME ISSUE.

I'M HERE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR INCREASING THE CONTRACT ALLOWANCE FOR THE VETERINARIAN SERVICE AT THE SHELTER THAT YOU DID ON NOVEMBER 2ND.

THAT REALLY WAS A HELP.

BUT TO BE HONEST, IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

WE NEED A FULL TIME VET AT THE SHELTER TO ASSIST WITH ALL OF THE COMMUNITY NEEDS. AND THIS IS A TRI-CITY SHELTER BUT WHEN IT COMES TO COMMUNITY CATS, THEY ONLY SERVE FREMONT AND NOT UNION CITY OR NEWARK.

CURRENTLY THE SHELTER IS NOT DOING ANY SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES AND THAT IS REALLY HURTING OUR PROGRAMS AS WELL.

WE USED TO BE ABLE TO RELY ON THE SHELTER AT LEAST ONE DAY A WEEK TO HELP US WITH THE COMMUNITY CATS BUT NOW THEY AREN'T ENOUGH OF THEM WILLING TO DO THIS SERVICE, ALTHOUGH I DO HAVE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO DR. SALWAN BECAUSE HE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE HELP.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO ABOUT HIM.

SO WHILE WE HAVE A GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHELTER, AND I EXPECT THAT TO CONTINUE, THE SHELTER NEEDS YOUR HELP IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY SO DESPERATELY NEED.

WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE SHELTER, ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OURS WILL STRUGGLE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY.

AND YOU NEED US AS WELL, OR THE PROBLEM WILL SOON GET OUT OF CONTROL.

SOME WILL SAY IT ALREADY HAS.

PLEASE PROVIDE MORE BUDGET TO HIRE A FULL TIME VET IN THE COMING YEAR AND PLEASE ALLOW THEM TO HIRE THE STAFF CURRENTLY ON FREEZE THAT THEY NEED TO DO THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORK.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU, MS. SHAW.

NEXT SPEAKER IS CONNOR CHEN.

WELCOME.

>> OKAY.

HELLO, EVERYONE.

MY NAME IS CONNOR CHEN.

AND I'M A SENIOR AT IRVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

SO OVER THE PAST YEAR, I'VE WITNESSED A SIGNIFICANT ESCALATION IN HATE SPEECH, HATE CRIME AND OTHER HARASSMENTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

AND IN FACT, STUDIES HAVE REVEALED ONE QUARTER OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUNG ADULTS HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF RACISM SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC.

THESE FORMS OF HARASSMENT COME IN MANY FORMS, TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS IN COMMUNITIES SUCH AS L.A., BAY AREA, NEW YORK, AND MANY MORE. THESE WORDS NOT ONLY IMPACT THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, BUT THERE'S ALSO A LARGE IMPACT ON FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK, STUDY AND TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATE.

NORMALIZE RACISM AGAINST ASIANS HAS LED TO A LARGER CULTURE OF HATE, PREJUDICE AND INTOLERANCE NOT ONLY AMONG ASIANS BUT IN OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

WHEN POLITICIANS FAIL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THESE TRUTHS, IT EXACERBATES ORIGINAL CRIME AND LEAVES FAMILIES SUBJECT TO VICTIMIZATION.

LAST WEEK AN 18-YEAR-OLD PHILADELPHIA NATIVE WAS BRUTALLY ATTACKED, SHE WAS THROWN TO THE GROUND, KICKED AND BRUTALLY BEAT, ALL WHILE BEING CALLED RACIAL SLURS.

HOWEVER, THIS NEWS IS NOT UNCOMMON.

EVERY WEEK, I HAVE BEEN HEARING NEW FORMS OF VIOLENCE, FROM THE 89-YEAR-OLD WOMAN BEING LIT ON FIRE TO A 61-YEAR-OLD MAN BEING IN CRITICAL CONDITIONS.

DESPITE ITS HIGH PRIORITY POPULATION, FREMONT IS ALSO NOT AN EXCEPTION.

AT IRVINGTON, I FREQUENTLY WITNESS SEVERAL FORMS OF RACISM, CYBERBULLYING.

OUR COMMUNITY MUST TAKE ACTION AND STAND AGAINST ASIAN HIT.

FROM STEREOTYPES TO RACIST REMARKS TO PHYSICAL ATTACKS, PREJUDICE AGAINST MINORITIES WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO GROW.

THE SUPPORT OF ANY FORUM CAN CREATE AN EVERLASTING IMPACT ON THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, WHETHER ATTENDING PROTESTS, TO SIMPLY LEARNING ABOUT CULTURE AND HISTORY OF ASIAN AMERICANS.

I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BEGIN TO TAKE ACTION AND TAKE A STAND AGAINST RACISM.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT.

I WANTED JUST TO NOTE WITH THE PUBLIC THAT IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, THERE IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR CITY WEBSITE, AND WE'VE ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE D.A. AND CONTINUE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT HEART BRO KIN TO SEE -- UNFORTUNATELY IT'S SOMETHING NOW THAT MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED PEOPLE TO STAND UP, SO I APPRECIATE YOU SHARING THAT.

NEXT SPEAKER IS KELLY ABREU.

>> HI.

I'D LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE BY JOAN MORRIS.

IT APPEARED IN THE MERCURY NEWS ON NOVEMBER 28.

THE HEADLINE IS: -- AND THIS IS VERY MUCH -- IT'S ALMOST EXACTLY WHAT MS. SHAW JUST TOLD US ABOUT.

RESCUE GROUPS RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS TRYING TO STOP CAT OVERPOPULATION.

THEY TALK ABOUT LACK OF ACCESS TO SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS, AND BASICALLY IT'S SKILLED MANPOWER BECAUSE DR. SALWAN CAN TELL YOU THAT IT ACTUALLY REQUIRES SOME SKILL TO SPAY OR NEUTER A CAT.

YOU CAN'T JUST HAVE ANYBODY DOING IT.

IT ACTUALLY REQUIRES SOME PROFESSIONALS.

SO THIS KIND OF PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES THERE, WE NEED TO ADDRESS THEM IN VARIOUS WAYS.

IT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER THE BAY AREA.

NOT JUST HERE IN FREMONT.

IT'S HAPPENING EVERYWHERE.

AND IT'S HAPPENING A LOT MORE NOW THAN BEFORE, FOR THE REASONS THAT ARE DESCRIBED IN THIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

SO YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW A PARALLEL, THOUGH, AS I'VE ALREADY WRITTEN TO SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TO THIS CLOSURE OF MISSION PEAK.

THIS CITY COUNCIL WAS SO VOCAL, SO OUTSPOKEN IN SAYING THAT THEY DIDN'T CLOSE THE PARK, THE 900-ACRE PARK, ONLY CLOSED THE STREET.

OF COURSE FACTUALLY, THAT IS COMPLETELY COUNTER FACTUAL, COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO WHAT ACTUALLY -- WHAT HAPPENED ON THE GROUND.

AND THERE'S EVEN PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE FALSITY, THE FALSEHOOD, THE UNTRUTH OF THAT CLAIM.

AND YOU KNOW, WHEN WE COMPARE THAT TO THE CAT CLINIC, I WOULD ASK, ARE YOU GOING TO SAY WE DIDN'T CLOSE THE CAT CLINIC?

WE JUST DON'T HAVE ANY SPAY/NEUTER APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE?

YOU KNOW, THESE FINE LEGAL DISTINCTIONS, THEY DON'T MATTER WHEN IT COMES TO CAT OVERPOPULATION.

THE CATS OVERPOPULATION HAS TO BE DEALT WITH ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT EASY.
AND WHEN YOU CLOSE PARKS, THERE'S MANY WAYS TO CLOSE A PARK.
YOU CAN OWN UP TO IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN AND HIDE FROM IT.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SPEWING FALSEHOODS ABOUT HISTORICAL FACTS OF WHAT THE CITY
OFFICIALS ACTUALLY DID AT MISSION PEAK.
IT'S THE SAME WITH THE CATS.
THANKS.
>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.
NEXT SPEAKER IS RICKY LIN.
WELCOME.
>> GOOD EVENING.
I'M ONE OF CONNOR'S COLLEAGUES.
I COULDN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND WHY, AS A YOUNG KID ATTENDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
I REMEMBER LISTENING TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH AND
WATCHING IN AWE AS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS GATHERED TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS.
I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
NEXT I GREW A LITTLE BIGGER, A LITTLE TALLER.
ENTERING HORNER JUNIOR HIGH, I SAW MALALA, HOW HARD SHE FOUGHT FOR WOMEN'S
EDUCATION AND RIGHTS.
I STILL COULDN'T SEEM TO GRASP WHY, WHY DID ALL THESE PEOPLE CARE SO MUCH?
THAT'S WHEN IT CAME TO ME, NOW AS A JUNIOR AT IRVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND A
FREMONT RESIDENT WHO HAS LED WITHIN MY FAMILY, BOY SCOTT TROOP, FOOTBALL TEAM
AND CLASSROOM AND MY COMMUNITY I NOW UNDERSTAND.
LOTS OF PEOPLE DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM ONE ANOTHER BASED ON THEIR DIFFERENCES
BUT OFTEN FAIL TO REALIZE ALL THEY HAVE IN COMMON.
I BELIEVE THE FIGHT AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS A HARD ONE, ESPECIALLY WHEN
PEOPLE DRIFT AWAY FROM EACH OTHER.
ACKNOWLEDGING DIFFERENCES BUT STILL COMING TOGETHER MEANS HAVING EMPATHY
AND RESPECT.
AND A LOT OF TIMES I THINK SOME PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT THAT.
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S EASY TO IGNORE EVERYTHING GOING ON UNTIL IT HAPPENS TO YOU.
IT'S NOT UNTIL YOUR OWN PEOPLE ARE HARMED THAT YOU CARE.
EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, PEOPLE BEGAN BLAMING AND
TURNING ON THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, HORRIFIC AND UNSPEAKABLE ACTS OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST ASIANS IN SAN FRANCISCO.
IT TRULY HURT TO SEE HOW PEOPLE SPREAD HATE AND LACKED EMPATHY AND RESPECT FOR
EACH OTHER.
EVEN AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, I COULD SEE THAT.
PEOPLE ONLY SAW THEIR DIFFERENCES, THEIR RACE AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND.
THAT WAS IN THE PAST.
NOW I WANT TO MAKE A STAND FOR CHRISTINA LIU'S INCIDENT.

SHE WAS A HERO WHO STOOD UP AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BUT ENDED UP BEING A VICTIM OF A RACIALLY MOTIVATED ATTACK.

NOW IT'S MY TURN TO CARE, STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR HER, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND. ALTHOUGH HOWEVER SMALL MAY SEEM, I HOPE TO MAKE AN IMPACT WITHIN MY COMMUNITY TO ENCOURAGE FELLOW STUDENTS, ASIAN AMERICANS AND RESIDENTS OF FREMONT ALIKE TO SHOW A COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO A FREE SOCIETY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

I'M ORGANIZING A PEACEFUL PROTEST WITH THE POLICE APPROVAL ON DECEMBER 11TH AT FREMONT CITY HALL AND I HOPE TO SPREAD MY MESSAGE, ESPECIALLY TO THE YOUNG GENERATION OF STUDENTS WHO WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY.

TO SPREAD THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPATHY AND RESPECT, FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER INSTEAD OF TURNING AGAINST ONE ANOTHER AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER, BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, THEN WHO WILL?

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, I'M SAD TO SAY THAT ASIAN HATE IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS NEW IN OUR HISTORY.

AS WE HAVE SEEN THE INTOURNAMENT OF THE JAPANESE AND CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT. THAT'S WHY IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AS COLLECTIVE THAT WE'VE ASKED FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE AND ALSO FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, I HAVE TO SAY PERSONALLY SEEING THIS OVER THE YEARS AND ESPECIALLY WHEN THIS CONVERSATION BEGAN WITH SOME OF THE HATRED WE SAW TO OUR BUSINESSES AND TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IT WAS JUST SAD AND SO ABSOLUTELY, WHEN JUST THIS LAST WEEK WE STOOD AGAINST ANTISEMITISM IN OTHER AREAS, WE WANT TO STAND FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SPEAK UP ON THIS, AND WE MUST, AS YOU SAID, AMPLIFY IT.

I REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN YOU FOR YOUR RALLY BECAUSE SOME OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS ARE DANCING IN THE NUTCRACKER THAT EVENING, BUT WE CERTAINLY WILL BE STANDING WITH YOU IN SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT EMOTIONALLY FOR THAT.

OTHER ITEMS THAT I THINK ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT I WANTED TO NOTE NOW THAT WE'VE FINISHED PUBLIC COMMENT IS THAT TONIGHT I'M ALSO MAKING SOME APPOINTMENTS TO OUR COMMISSIONS.

I'M HOPING PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR THEM.

SO I'M MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT, THE ART REVIEW BOARD, REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GEORGE PATTERSON HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONS, LIBRARY COMMISSION, MOBILITY COMMISSIONS, PLANNING COMMISSION, AS WELL AS RECREATION COMMISSION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION AND YOUTH ADVISORY.

SO WE WILL BE ADDING MORE COMMISSIONERS AND SO I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE WITH THAT AND ASK THAT WE MOVE THIS FORWARD.

AND IF I CAN GET A VOTE FOR THAT, PLEASE?

COUNCILMEMBER SHAO?

>> COUNCILMEMBER SHAO: SO MOVED.

>> MAYOR MEI: THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILMEMBER KENG: I WILL SECOND.

>> MAYOR MEI: SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KENG.

ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO APPROVE IT, RIGHT?

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY.

WE HAVEN'T MADE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

I WANTED TO NOTE ONE OTHER THING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR THEM -- EXPIRE SO WE NEED TO THEN ASK PEOPLE TO APPLY AGAIN.

YES.

GO AHEAD, MS. GAUTHIER.

>> MS. GAUTHIER: OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER COX, AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER SHAO, AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER KASSAN, AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES, AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER KENG, AYE.

VICE MAYOR SALWAN, AYE.

MAYOR MEI, AYE.

>> MAYOR MEI: SO THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AND SO I'LL TAKE SOMETHING ELSE -- I THINK ONE PERSON'S NAME MIGHT BE MISSING, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BUT I'LL FOLLOW UP WITH THAT SEPARATELY.

BUT WE WILL BE MAKING ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS AT THE NEXT MEETING SO IF YOU HAVE NOT APPLIED AND ARE INTERESTED, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET OUR VOICE OUT THERE AND FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE ON DIFFERENT AREAS.

SO THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME, I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION THAT SEVERAL OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS AND OTHERS SERVE ON DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANY REPORT OUT ON THE COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES.

WE'VE HAD A LOT OF MULTICULTURAL EVENTS HERE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US, WE'VE HAD THE LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH, TRI-CITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS.

BUT I DEFINITELY AGREE WITH SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THIS EVENING, WHICH IS THAT WE HAVE MORE IN COMMON THAN WE HAVE IN DIFFERENCE, AND SO THAT HOPEFULLY WE CAN STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ONE ANOTHER.

ARE THERE ANY REPORT OUT FOR ANY OF THE COMMISSIONS FROM THE COUNCILMEMBERS?

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

SEEING NONE, I WILL ADJOURN THE MEETING.

I WISH YOU ALL SAFETY AND HEALTH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SPEAKING WITH YOU ALL NEXT WEEK.

AND PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROCESS.

AND AGAIN, I ASK THE COUNCILMEMBERS TO PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR COMMUNITY DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

THANK YOU.
THANK YOU TO STAFF TOO.
HAVE A GOOD EVENING.