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NEWS BRIEFS

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Swearing-in Ceremony for Four New Fremont City Councilmembers on December 11, 2018

At the December 11, 2018, City Council Meeting, the City of Fremont will hold a formal swearing-in ceremony of four new councilmembers, all of whom were elected during Fremont's first district-based election on November 6. Residents in Districts 1 through 4 voted for new Council representatives, which include Councilmember Teresa Keng (District 1), Councilmember Rick Jones (District 2), Councilmember Jenny Kassan (District 3), and Councilmember Yang Shao (District 4).

This public meeting will be held at Fremont City Hall in the Council Chambers, located at 3300 Capitol Ave., beginning at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If the Council Chambers is filled to capacity, overflow seating will be directed to other viewing areas.

The ceremonial oath of office and installation for Councilmembers Keng, Jones, Kassan, and Shao will be administered during the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting will be cablecasted live on the Fremont Government Channel (Channel 27 for Comcast subscribers) and streamed on the City's website while in-progress at www.Fremont.gov/LiveStreaming. The meeting will also be recorded, then re-broadcast on Comcast Channel 27 beginning Wednesday, December 12 after 12 p.m. and streamed on the City website at www.Fremont.gov/Webcasts.

For questions about the swearing-in ceremony, contact the City Clerk's Office at 510-284-4060 or cclerk@fremont.gov.

Once Fremont's new councilmembers are sworn in, the Fremont City Council will include: Mayor Lily Mei, Vice Mayor Raj Salwan, Councilmember Vinnie Bacon, Councilmember Teresa Keng (District 1), Councilmember Rick Jones (District 2), Councilmember Jenny Kassan (District 3), and Councilmember Yang Shao (District 4). Raj Salwan and Vinnie Bacon will remain at-large councilmembers until their term expires in November 2020. Districts 2, 3, and 4 are a 4-year term, while District 1 is currently a 2-year term. The General Municipal Election for the City of Fremont is held in November of even-numbered years. In the 2020 election, voters in Districts 1, 5, and 6 will each elect a City Councilmember and voters citywide will elect the Mayor. Each seat will be a 4-year term.

New Online Permitting for Residential Solar Installations in Fremont

Fremont residents planning to install a small residential rooftop solar system of 10 kilowatts or less can now obtain their solar permit online.

To get started, applicants can email their permit application and plans to solarpermits@fremont.gov. For more information, applicants can view the City's submittal checklist at www.Fremont.gov/SolarPermitsChecklist.



So far, 78 permits have been issued using the new online process. The feedback received from applicants has been positive.

"I just want to take a moment and let you know how much I appreciate the new permitting process! It's quick, easy, saves me driving time, and saves on paper. The response has been amazing! It's nice to see City offices going as green as they can!" - Lola Gill, Sunrun Inc.

"The solar team is very well versed and quick in their actions." - Boocho Pawa, Sunpower Corp.

Processing solar permits online improves operations at the permitting counter, saves time and money, and reduces paper clutter. It's a win-win for the City and the Fremont community!

For more information, please email solarpermits@fremont.gov or call Plans and Permits at 510-494-4460.

Food Business Entrepreneurial Training Academy in Fremont

Thinking of opening a restaurant in Fremont or launching a food product? The Alameda County Small Business Development Center and the Alameda County Community Development Agency are offering the *Food Business Entrepreneurial Training Academy*, a 10-part seminar series teaching the critical aspects of how to start and succeed in the food industry.



This comprehensive, award-winning 10-session program is being offered for free to Alameda County residents and food businesses at the Fremont Main Library, located at 2400 Stevenson Blvd. The academy begins Thursday, January 3, 2019 and ends Thursday, February 7, 2019. The classes will take place in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, including the full class schedule and how to register, visit www.tinyurl.com/ya4xgmfo or call the Alameda County Small Business Development Center at 510-967-7181. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Fremont City Council Approves Funding for More Affordable Housing

At the Fremont City Council meeting held on November 20, 2018, the Council approved two actions involving affordable housing.

The Council approved entitlements and funding for the conversion of the Islander Motel to affordable housing. The project, located at 4101 Mowry Ave. in central Fremont, will offer rental apartments for low income



households. The project will consist of two phases. Phase I will include redeveloping the existing two-story 70-room motel and adding a third story to convert the building into 79 apartment units. Phase II will include the addition of a new four-story building with 49 units to be built on the vacant land behind the motel.

In addition, the Council approved additional funding for the construction of City Center Apartments, a 60-unit affordable housing project located at 38631 Fremont Blvd. in central Fremont. The project would provide supportive housing for low-income households, with a number of units set aside for veterans and people with mental disabilities.

To receive notifications when these developments become available in the future, please sign up for our Affordable Housing Interest List at www.Fremont.gov/AffordableHousingInterest.

Follow the Tri-City Animal Shelter and the Fremont Police Department on Instagram

Did you know the Tri-City Animal Shelter is now on Instagram? Get inspired by adoption stories, have a peek behind the shelter, check out available animals, and travel with us to adoption fairs!

This holiday season, follow us as the Fremont Police’s Training Elves, Radar and Sprinkle, find a furry friend and take it to the Tri-City Animal Shelter. Learn what happens next on Instagram!

Find us by the user name “**tricityanimals**” and “**fremondpd**” on Instagram! We can’t wait to share those moments with you!

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