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### **Fremont Mayor Lily Mei Appointed to Serve on National League of Cities' Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee**

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2019 Transportation Infrastructure Services (TIS) federal advocacy committee. This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC's federal policy positions on issues involving transportation, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports. The appointment was announced by NLC President Karen Freeman-Wilson, mayor of Gary, Indiana.



“Infrastructure and transportation are two critical challenges that we face locally and can best be served with strong collaboration at the state and federal level,” said Mayor Lily Mei. “I look forward to partnering with the federal government on this committee and advocating for increased funding and improved policies.”

As a committee member, Mayor Mei will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, with the administration and at home.

“Our federal advocacy committees help ensure that policymakers in Washington know what's happening on the ground in our communities – and what is needed from our federal partners,” said Karen Freeman-Wilson, mayor of Gary, Indiana, and president of the National League of Cities (NLC). “I am proud to have Fremont Mayor Lily Mei join NLC's Transportation and Infrastructure Services committee on behalf of her residents. Together with a team of local leaders from around the country, we will work to solve the most pressing challenges facing our communities.”

The leadership of this year's committee will consist of Chair James McDonald, Councilmember, Pinecrest, Florida, Vice Chair Glenn Otto, Councilmember, Huber Heights, Ohio, and Vice Chair Kate Kruller, Councilmember, Tukwila, Washington.

For more information on NLC's federal advocacy committees, visit: [www.nlc.org/advocacy/committees](http://www.nlc.org/advocacy/committees).

## City of Fremont Hosting Irvington Community Workshop

In November 2018, City of Fremont Planning staff received direction from the Fremont City Council to conduct a community workshop to provide an overview of the City's General Plan as it applies to the Irvington Community Plan Area. The plan is intended to strengthen the historic heart of Irvington and allow it to grow in a healthy and vibrant way that maintains its neighborhood character. To learn more, read the Irvington Community Plan at [www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonCommunityPlan](http://www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonCommunityPlan).



The City invites the Irvington community to attend the workshop on Wednesday, January 16. The workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the General Plan as it applies to Irvington and explain the new state legislation that affects local planning efforts. City staff from Planning, the Police Department, and Transportation Engineering will also be available to answer questions.

The Irvington Community Workshop will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library in the Fukaya Room, located at 2400 Stevenson Blvd.

For more information, please visit [www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonCommunityWorkshop](http://www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonCommunityWorkshop).

## Recycled Material Standards

Recycling provides the raw materials needed to manufacture new products that are consumed every day. The paper, plastic bottles, jars, and metal cans placed in recycling bins are sorted and shipped to manufacturers in the U.S. and around the world. But the task of washing recyclable material is up to each household and business rather than our local recycling center. Only clean recyclables will meet strict new standards and have a chance to be used to create new products.



### *What can you do to help sustain a healthy recycling system in our community?*

Keep items clean and dry. Materials soiled by liquids or food are not acceptable for making new products. Because recyclables are mixed into one bin, it's important for cans and food containers to be rinsed and free of residue in order to keep the paper products clean. Any remaining food on containers can become moldy and rancid, creating an unhealthy environment for the recycling workers who handle the materials. Items that are not rinsed cannot be recycled.

Recyclables should be placed loose in household recycling carts. Neither bagged materials nor plastic bags of any type belong in the carts. Bags of recycling must be opened by hand and often appear to be bags of garbage to the recycling workers, increasing the chance that they could end up in the landfill. Also, torn or loose bags get tangled in the equipment at the recycling facility, creating maintenance delays that slow the process and make recycling more expensive. Please note that plastic bags can generally be returned back to the grocery store

for recycling. For more information about the recycling program, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 510-494-4570 or visit [www.Fremont.gov/Environment](http://www.Fremont.gov/Environment).

### **Community Feedback Requested for Town Fair Plaza**

Downtown Fremont's temporary community space, Town Fair Plaza, has hosted a variety of events, classes, workshops, and food trucks throughout the year. Programming at Town Fair Plaza will be reduced during the winter months while the plaza operator, Public Space Authority, begins planning for the 2019 program and event calendar. New winter hours of operation are Fridays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

If you visited Town Fair Plaza in 2018, share your experience and feedback by visiting [www.TownFairPlaza.com/feedback](http://www.TownFairPlaza.com/feedback).

This input will be used to develop the 2019 event calendar and influence the space design for next year.



### **Save-the-Date for Homeless Count 2019**

The County of Alameda conducts a homeless count once every two years to retain and improve Alameda County's funding for homeless services and meet federal data reporting requirements. It also increases community understanding of homelessness, and informs strategic, program, and policy planning.

The next biennial county-wide homeless count will take place on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Once again, the City of Fremont will lead the coordination effort in the South County and is looking for volunteers to participate in this important event. Volunteers will work alongside formerly or currently homeless guides to count the number of homeless individuals in the South County.

Preliminary details for the homeless count include the following: It takes place in the early morning from approximately 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 within the South County limits. Volunteers will receive specific assignments the day of the count. The deployment center location is the Fire Department Training Classroom, located at 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A in the rear entrance. One hour of training will be given the week of January 14th (exact date and time TBD). An online training will be available for volunteers who are unable to attend in-person training. Participation in this year's homeless count includes a five to six hour total time commitment.

For questions or to sign up to volunteer for the count, visit [www.Everyonehome.org/Everyone-Counts](http://www.Everyonehome.org/Everyone-Counts).



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