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**Fremont City Council Retreat Report 2019 Now Available**

The City of Fremont held a City Council retreat for the newly seated councilmembers on January 10 and 11 to discuss how the Council and staff can best work together to serve the Fremont community. This workshop provided an opportunity for councilmembers and executive staff to develop norms and protocols, strengthen Council-staff teamwork, and identify Council priorities for the coming year.

At the end of the two-day retreat, the Council came to a consensus on the following priorities for City staff: Decrease the impacts of residential development; reduce traffic congestion; and provide support to neighborhood commercial districts. A report of the retreat summarizing the results is now available.

Over the next several months, staff will be presenting the Council with information and updates on various items that fall within these priority areas. Below is a tentative agenda on when the items will come before the Council:

<b>Tentative Date</b>	<b>Item/Topic</b>
March 19, 2019	Capital Improvement Program Work Session
April 2, 2019	Housing/Growth Management Work Session
April 9, 2019	Irvington BART Station Area Plan

To view the full report, please visit [www.Fremont.gov/CouncilRetreatReport](http://www.Fremont.gov/CouncilRetreatReport).

## **Fremont Adopts New Carbon Neutral Goal and Post-Carbon Community Framework**

*Demonstrates climate leadership as first city in the region to align with State's 2045 Carbon Neutrality Goal*

On Tuesday, February 19, the Fremont City Council voted to adopt a resolution to achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2045. This new carbon neutrality target positions Fremont to achieve deep and rapid decarbonization, which significantly enhances the goals established in its first Climate Action Plan of 2012 – to achieve a 25 percent community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction by the year 2020 from a 2005 baseline.



“I’m proud of the unanimous Council approval as it demonstrates Fremont’s continued bold climate leadership,” said Mayor Lily Mei. “We are the first city in the region to align local policies with California’s most ambitious target of carbon neutrality by 2045, set last September by former Governor Jerry Brown.”

The carbon neutral target also supports the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement to keep global temperature increase within 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels in order avoid the most harmful impacts of climate change.

Additionally, the resolution establishes a Post-Carbon Community Framework that incorporates the values of equity and access, innovation and efficiency, health and wellness, and resiliency and capacity-building as principles for achieving long-term economic, social, and environmental sustainability. The Framework includes seven key strategies to guide the development of an updated Climate Action Plan:

1. Clean and Renewable Power
2. Electrification and Fossil Fuel Phase-Out
3. Carbon Sequestration
4. Mobility and Connectivity
5. Resource Conservation and Elimination of Waste
6. Restorative Ecology and Green Infrastructure
7. Climate Adaptation and Resilience

Over the next year, the City will conduct robust outreach, analyze data, evaluate impacts, and engage with community stakeholders to identify specific implementation actions for achieving carbon neutrality.

Fremont residents are encouraged to join the conversation and provide input by attending public meetings, participating in online forums, or sending their ideas directly to [sustainability@fremont.gov](mailto:sustainability@fremont.gov). Interested individuals can receive updates by signing up for the City’s Sustainability email list at [www.Fremont.gov/SustainabilityList](http://www.Fremont.gov/SustainabilityList). To view a copy of the complete resolution, visit [www.Fremont.gov/CarbonNeutralityResolution](http://www.Fremont.gov/CarbonNeutralityResolution).

## Fremont Welcomes Community Input on Name and Design Ideas for its new Mobile Hygiene Unit

The City of Fremont is seeking name and design ideas for its new Mobile Hygiene Unit.

For someone experiencing homelessness, keeping yourself and your clothes clean can be incredibly challenging, and can greatly impact your ability to get and keep a job, or simply participate in society. To meet this need, the City of Fremont, City of Newark, and several community partners are launching a new Mobile Hygiene unit to provide much-needed shower and laundry services to our homeless neighbors. The unit was purchased through a \$125,000 Alameda County Homeless Immediate Impact grant.



The Mobile Hygiene unit is comprised of a 50-foot truck and trailer, fitted with two full bathrooms with showers, including one that is ADA accessible, and three washer/dryer units. The Mobile Hygiene unit will provide services in coordination with existing food and clothing programs. Each service site will be open for 3 to 4 hours and provide 10-15 minutes of shower time per client, as well as laundry services.



Fremont is calling on community members to share name and design ideas for the Mobile Hygiene unit, via an online survey conducted on the City's online civic engagement forum, Fremont Open City Hall. Community members can see photos of the current mobile hygiene unit, and submit a name for the unit. They can also download a design template and upload it to the forum with their design ideas.



The Fremont Human Services Department is collaborating with Rohin Puvvada, an Eagle Scout from Troop 103 at Warm Springs in Fremont, who has set up a GoFundMe page to fundraise for hygiene kits for clients and also purchase a vehicle wrap for 31-foot long mobile unit. Your suggestions will help us choose the design, or combination of designs, and name that will be used for the vehicle wrap.

Visit [www.Fremont.gov/OpenCityHallMHU](http://www.Fremont.gov/OpenCityHallMHU) to submit name and design ideas. The survey will run from February 20 to March 6, 2019.

The City hopes to put the Mobile Hygiene unit into service in March 2019.

## Fremont Fire to Offer Community Disaster Preparedness Training Programs in 2019

The City of Fremont's Fire Department has released the 2019 schedule for its Disaster Preparedness Training Program, including free Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes. PEP classes are specifically designed to help residents prepare for a disaster and to take care of themselves and their families before, during, and after a disaster.



This one-time, three-hour class will educate residents on skills such as earthquake and disaster awareness, fire extinguisher types, smoke detector placement, and sheltering in place. The Fire Department offers PEP classes at two locations on multiple different dates to offer community members the opportunity to attend the class that best suits their schedule.

PEP classes at the Fremont Fire Administration Office, located at 3300 Capitol Ave. (behind the building), are held from 7 to 10 p.m. and are offered on:

- Tuesday, March 19
- Wednesday, May 22
- Tuesday, July 16
- Tuesday, October 15
- Monday, November 18

In addition, classes at the Fremont Fire Training Tower, located on 7200 Stevenson Blvd. (West end), are held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, August 17.

To register for a PEP class, please call 510-494-4244 or email [FirePubEd@fremont.gov](mailto:FirePubEd@fremont.gov). If your group would like to schedule your own personal group PEP class at your location, please contact Chuck Guaraglia at 510-792-3473 or [guaragliac@comcast.net](mailto:guaragliac@comcast.net).

Additionally, Fremont Fire has developed the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program, which consists of three classes that provide residents with the skills they need to assist themselves, their families, neighbors, and Fire Department in the event of earthquakes, fires, floods, or other natural disasters. **Anyone interested in taking a CERT class must first attend a Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) class.**

The free CERT training classes include detailed, hands-on training in building damage assessment, small fire fighting, search and rescue, first aid triage, lifting heavy objects off trapped persons, moving injured people, and incident command system and disaster communications.

CERT classes will be held at the Fremont Fire Training Tower on the following dates:

- CERT Class Series I
  - Class 1: Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Class 2: Saturday, March 30 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Class 3: Sunday, March 31 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- CERT Class Series II
  - Class 1: Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Class 2: Saturday, July 20 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Class 3: Sunday, July 21 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  
- CERT Class Series III
  - Class 1: Friday, October 11 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Class 2: Saturday, October 12 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Class 3: Sunday, October 13 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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