On March 31, 2020, a Shelter In Place Order, issued by the Alameda County Public Health Department, in coordination with six bay area counties and the City of Berkeley, announced for residents in the Bay Area to stay home through May 3, 2020 to help slow the spread and reduce future impact on local hospitals from Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Also, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages the public to stay home if they are currently sick, showing symptoms, have knowingly been exposed to COVID-19, or have recently traveled to an infected area.

In an effort to maintain continuity of government during the current Shelter In Place Order, regularly scheduled City Council meetings, City Board and Commission meetings, and other official committee meetings with City Council representation may still be held. Non-essential Council agenda items and City Commission meetings will be continued to a later date. All other City-sponsored community meetings will be cancelled or postponed at this time. Where possible, we will offer other platforms (such as webinars, Fremont Open City Hall) for community input on topics where meetings may have been cancelled.

During the month of April, some City Council meetings, City Board and Commission meetings are scheduled to occur. However, if a meeting has a large volume of attendees, additional measures may be taken to limit the number of people in the same room. In addition, measures will be taken to create more physical distancing in all meeting rooms.

We would like to remind the public of alternative ways to have access to City of Fremont Council meetings and providing public comments:

The public can view the City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings on the City of Fremont’s website at www.Fremont.gov/Channel27, which also provides a link to the live stream; or, on Comcast Channel 27. Please note at this time, Channel 27 is only available to Comcast cable subscribers. We encourage community members to take advantage of this virtual option whenever possible and limit their attendance in large gatherings. In addition, to provide input on a topic or agenda item, correspondence to City Council will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. of the day of the meeting by emailing citycouncil@fremont.gov and to Planning Commission by emailing planning_commission@fremont.gov. The emails will be distributed to the City Council or Planning Commission and uploaded to the City website before the meeting and will be considered part of the public record.

Correspondence for all other commissions would go directly to the Secretary/Staff Liaison to the commission as listed on each of their webpages. http://fremont.gov/76/Boards-Commissions-Committees. These commissions meet at various locations and do not record nor broadcast meetings.

The City is also actively exploring other methods for virtual participation in City Council meetings.

We appreciate your understanding as we do our part to protect the health of Fremont community members and to slow the spread of COVID-19.