

**MINUTES  
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016  
FREMONT CITY HALL  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. PRELIMINARY**

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.
- B. Flag Salute:** Councilmember Chan led the salute to the flag.
- C. Attendance:** Present: Mayor Harrison, Vice Mayor Mei, Councilmembers: Chan, Bacon and Jones.
- D. Announcements by Mayor/City Manager**

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.**

**3. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**A. Mayor Harrison opened consideration of a report to Council on Rent Control, Just Cause Eviction, and Other Options for Promoting Affordable Rental Housing**

Deputy Community Development Director Dan Schoenholz and Housing Project Manager May Lee gave a presentation. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Harrison opened the item for public comment.

Doug Smith (housing provider, provided a hand-out), stated that he felt RRIDRO worked. Xiaowen Zhou spoke in opposition to rent control. John Sullivan, Rental Housing Organization (RHO), requested Council stay with current RRIDRO process. Jim Reeder (RHO), Chunchi Ma (BAHN), David Stark (Bay East Association of Realtors), Reshma Inamdal (housing provider), Michael Chu (housing provider), and Daniel Lee (BAHN) shared a variety of concerns regarding potential rent control. Mashael Majid (RISE Coalition and Urban Habitat, provided hand-out & “Protect Fremont Families” postcards), Kobe Tabing (Filipino Advocates for Justice), Melissa Morris (Attorney with the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley), Gehad Massoud (RISE Coalition), Helen Cochems, Kelsey Pressnall (RISE Coalition), Tamikka Johnson (RISE Coalition), Zobaida Sidiq (Afghan Community), Cecilia Ng (RISE Coalition), and Cecilia Sistena spoke in favor of rental control and affordable housing and requested a moratorium on rent increases. There were no additional speakers. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Bacon, seconded by Councilmember Mei, the City Council provided direction to staff regarding what options the City Council would like staff to pursue to mitigate rent increases in Fremont.

- Look into “just cause eviction” and what is required to adopt rent control
- Potential RRIDRO changes, expanding the program, “put teeth into it”
- Potential Rental Board
- Make RRIDRO information in various languages

Ayes: Mayor Harrison, Vice Mayor Mei,  
Councilmembers: Chan, Bacon and Jones

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Harrison adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

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BILL HARRISON, Mayor