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June 28, 2019

Lily Mei, Mayor
City of Fremont
3300 Capitol Ave.
Fremont, CA 94538

Dear Mayor Lily Mei and City Council,

Thank you for the working session regarding the Fremont Navigation Center on June 18th. The panel and presentation were excellent.

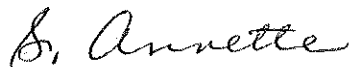
Fremont's Charter for Compassion calls us to treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves. This means honoring the sanctity of every human being, treating everyone, without exception, with justice, equity and respect. The Navigation Center seeks to do just that. It is one step in the very complex issue of housing.

We have a moral responsibility to take this step in providing help for those who are houseless and unsheltered. We must call on all citizens of Fremont to unite in our diversity and to be steadfast in our commitment of being neighbor to one another. I encourage you to remain strong in the face of opposition.

My gratitude is extended to Suzanne Shenfil and the Human Relations Commission for their efforts in establishing a Navigation Center in Fremont. I also want to publicly thank Rev. Jeff Spencer – Niles Discovery Church and Rev. Dr. Karl Shadley – Irvington Presbyterian Church together with their faith communities for their generous hospitality and sense of civic duty in offering sites for the Navigation Center.

Looking forward to the report on July 8th and praying that a site will be selected without further delay – I remain

Sincerely,,



Sr. Annette

cc: Suzanne Shenfil and Human Relations Commission
Rev. Jeff Spencer and Niles Discovery Church
Rev. Dr. Karl Shadley – Irvington Presbyterian Church

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From: Bhupendra Shah [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2019 12:40 PM
To: Lily Mei; Raj Salwan; Vinnie Bacon; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng; Yang Shao; Jenny Kassar; cof; CityAttorneysOffice; humanservicesinfo; Urvashi Shah
Cc: environment; Kathryn McDonald; Roman Reed; Reena Rao; rleung@fremont.gov; Craig Steckler; Benjamin Yee
Subject: Re: Expanded analysis of Exhibit A from city staff on Navigation Center sites

I fully support the expanded statistical analysis and conclusions prepared by Urvashi Shah. I urge all of you to select Parking Hall at City Hall, which fits all the defined criteria.

Bhupendra O. Shah
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On Saturday, July 6, 2019, 12:12:00 PM PDT, Urvashi Shah [REDACTED] > wrote:

To All:

It is my pleasure to help the decision makers to select the sites for Navigation center. Exhibit A - Navigation Center Property Analysis table does not give in selection ranking at a glance, so I am providing further expanded statistical analysis based on the data compiled by the city staff. This will envision all involved including the Mayor, the Vice Mayor, The council members, the city manager, the City Attorney, and the city Human services manager to select the proper and justifiable sites for the navigation center. The final conclusion can be visualized by all as follows:

First three Top choices of locations by expanded statistical analysis:

#1 (G) Parking Lot at city hall (rear area), #2 (H) Parking Lot at Maintenance Center and #3 (A) Decoto Surplus Property (adjacent to Regan Nursery).

The Worst three locations by expanded statistical analysis:

#11 (K) Niles Discovery Church (Non-City property), #10 (B) Former RDA Parcel (adjacent to Niles Town Plaza) and #9 (F) Open Space at Mission Blvd./Sullivan Underpass

In this statistical analysis, it has been emphasis additive effects, combining maximum matching "YES" criteria and **minimum** hazardous environmental risks. The weighted factors as higher points for a higher risk to the individual's life are assigned to the suffix-keys of the environmental issues exist for the locations as follows:

Site # Description Tot "Yes" out of 6 Wtd. Point Additive Net value Rank

A Decoto Surplus Property (adj. to Regan Nursery) 5 -4 +1 3

B Former RDA Parcel (adj. to Niles Town Plaza) 5 -10 -5 10

C Future Pacific Commons Sports Park on Automall 1 -4 -3 8

D Future Palm Park Site 3 -3 0 4

E Isherwood Surplus Property 2 -4 -2 7

F Open Space at Mission Blvd./Sullivan Underpass 4 -8 -4 9

G Parking Lot at city hall (rear area) 6 0 +6 1

H Parking Lot at Maintenance Center 4 -1 +3 2

I Washington Grade Sep Remnants (Irvington BART) 4 -5 -1 5

J Weibel Open Space 3 -4 -1 6 Non-City property:

K Niles Discovery Church 4 -13 -9 11

P.S.: The following weighted points are used for the expanded statistical analysis:

Keys Weighted points

Suffix #1 (site located to the rail corridor) -1

Suffix #2 (Site located within 100-year flood zone) -2

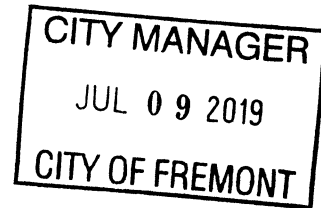
Suffix #3 (Site is located in an identified fault trace zone) -5

Suffix# 4 (site is located in a seismic-induced landslide or liquefaction zone) -4

Suffix# 5 (site is located in a high fire severity zone) -3

July 5, 2019

Ms. Lily Mei
Mayor, City of Fremont
3300 Capitol Ave.
Fremont, CA 94538



Janet Yamaguchi
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Re: Homeless Navigation Center

Dear Ms. Mei,

This is in regard to the proposed Homeless Navigation Center in Niles.

I realize the Niles Discovery Church is pushing hard for it to be built on their piece of fallow land. I believe this is because they have a big budget shortfall (probably due to the over-expansion of their building). This is an outrageous & self-serving reason to put this at that location simply to bail this church out from their fiscal mismanagement.

Of course, they don't care. They don't live there. They would benefit hugely. \$40K a year, the land upgraded & rezoned & they mentioned in the meeting at the church they would ask to have lights installed in their parking lot at taxpayer expense.

Yes, we need to address the homeless issue. The problem keeps getting worse. But why would you build this in a residential area? Berkeley's center is in an industrial area & so is Hayward's proposed center. A speaker at the church meeting said he works in Berkeley & went by & looked at their navigation center. He said he saw people in front using drugs. I know this is heresay but I believe it. I have heard that drug use would be discouraged, not prohibited but discouraged.

The proposed center would not solve Niles' (or even Fremont's) homeless problem. It would likely add to it. The church claims 30% would fail. I have heard from other sources that the failure rate for this model is a lot higher. I don't know. I do believe that those who don't succeed will remain in Niles adding to our already robust homeless population. There is also the congestion on Niles Blvd. at Nursery Ave. to consider.

The proposed navigation center would draw from Oakland, San Leandro, Livermore & all over Alameda County. Do we really need to import more homeless people to Fremont?

There is a lot of open land along Warm Springs Blvd. going south. A shuttle could take the residents to the BART station to catch a train or bus. Is a location like this being considered? We have heard of no other actual locations under consideration, just a vague

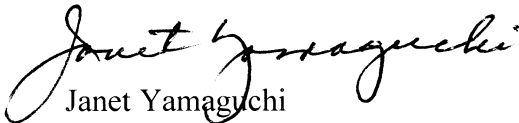
"we are considering other locations...." which makes me wonder is this has already been decided behind closed doors before the community even heard about it.

If this is built in Niles, we can appeal the valuation of our property for tax purposes with the county assessor's office & make sure everyone knows they can do this. That is small comfort if our community is destroyed.

Our only other recourse would be to make sure all Fremont voters know who voted for this because their neighborhood could be next.

Please reconsider approving this location for a homeless navigation center. Thank you.

Yours truly,


Janet Yamaguchi