Fremont's Temporary Housing Navigation Center

Community Workshop

August 24, 2019

Workshop Purposes

- Community members share their views about Fremont's temporary Housing Navigation Center

- Staff provides information about the homeless crisis, Fremont's Temporary Housing Navigation Center, and public safety's perspective

Workshop Principles

- Elicit **inclusive input**
- Provide **structure and order**
- Reflect positively on the **Fremont community**

Workshop Guidelines

- Express your views
- Listen to the views of others
- One person speaks at a time
- Be civil and respectful

Workshop Logistics

- Language assistance – in Mandarin, Cantonese, and ASL
- Food - not allowed in meeting space
- Restrooms - Outside in the lobby area
- Signs and Posters - Do not obstruct views

The Homeless Crisis

2019 Homelessness Data

- California has **24%** of homeless in U.S., compared to only 12% of total US population
- Alameda County's homeless population has increased **43%** from 5,629 persons in 2017 to 8,022 persons in 2019.
- Fremont's homeless population has increased **27%** from 479 in 2017, to 608 in 2019
- **485** people are unsheltered in Fremont
- **95%** of homeless families are sheltered in Alameda Co.

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Alameda County 2019 Data

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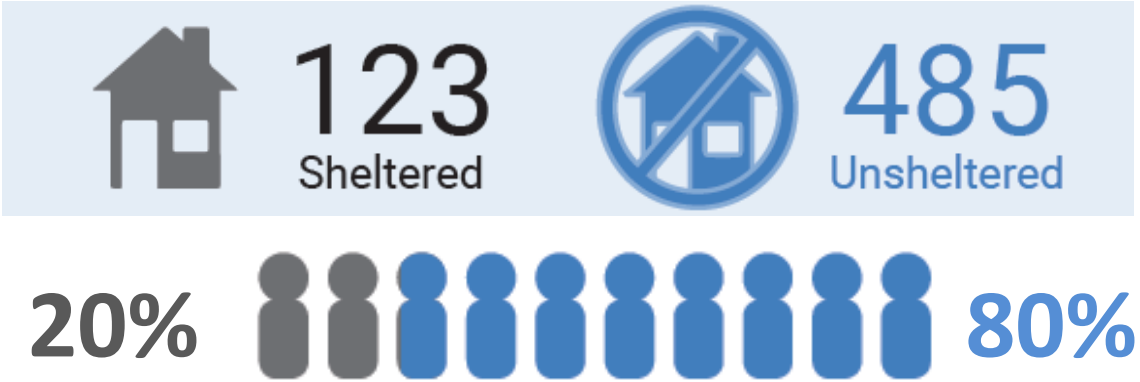
Sheltered / Unsheltered Population



Residence Prior to Homelessness

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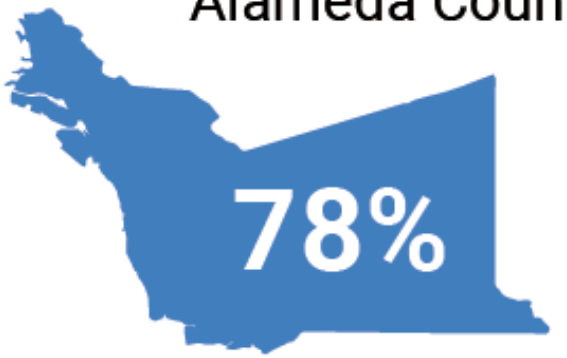

Not Interested in Housing

3% of survey respondents said they were not interested in Independent, Affordable Rental Housing or Housing with Supportive Services.

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Why do people experience homelessness?

Poverty, Rising Cost of Living

Increases in Rent

Disability

Relationships End / Lose Support

Trauma, Mental Health Issues, Substance Use

City-Operated Homeless Programs

Winter Shelter

2018-2019

438 Individuals Helped

4 months - 78 years

6,338 Dinners Served

4,737 Bed Nights of Service

Islander Temporary Housing

CleanStart Mobile Hygiene Unit

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Housing First Model

- Current best practice and most effective approach to ending chronic homelessness
- Moves people directly from the street into affordable housing
- Provides supportive services to keep people housed and avoid return to homelessness

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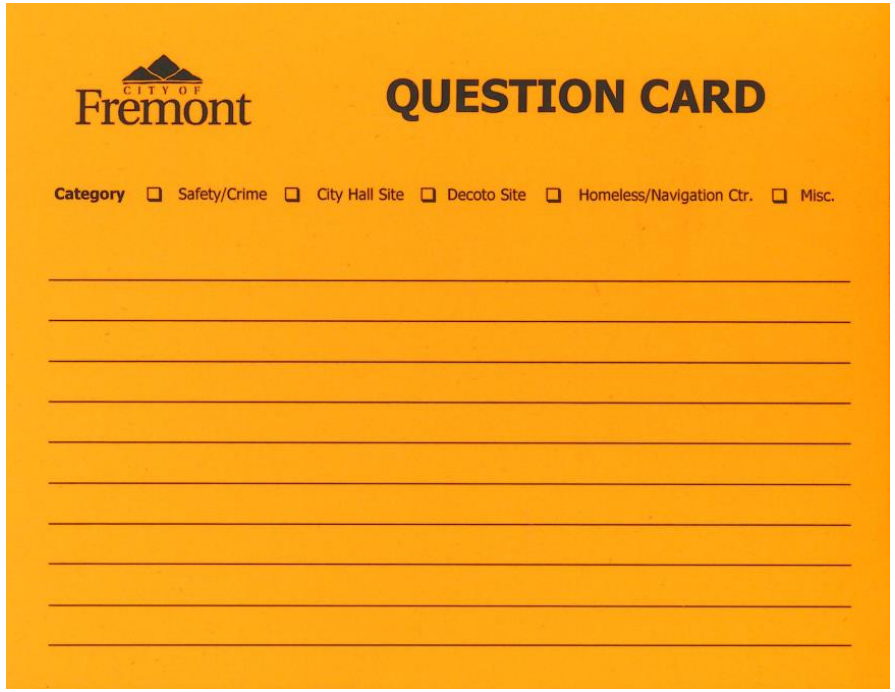
Collecting Question Cards

Staff will walk down each aisle to collect question cards for today's Q&A with City Staff.



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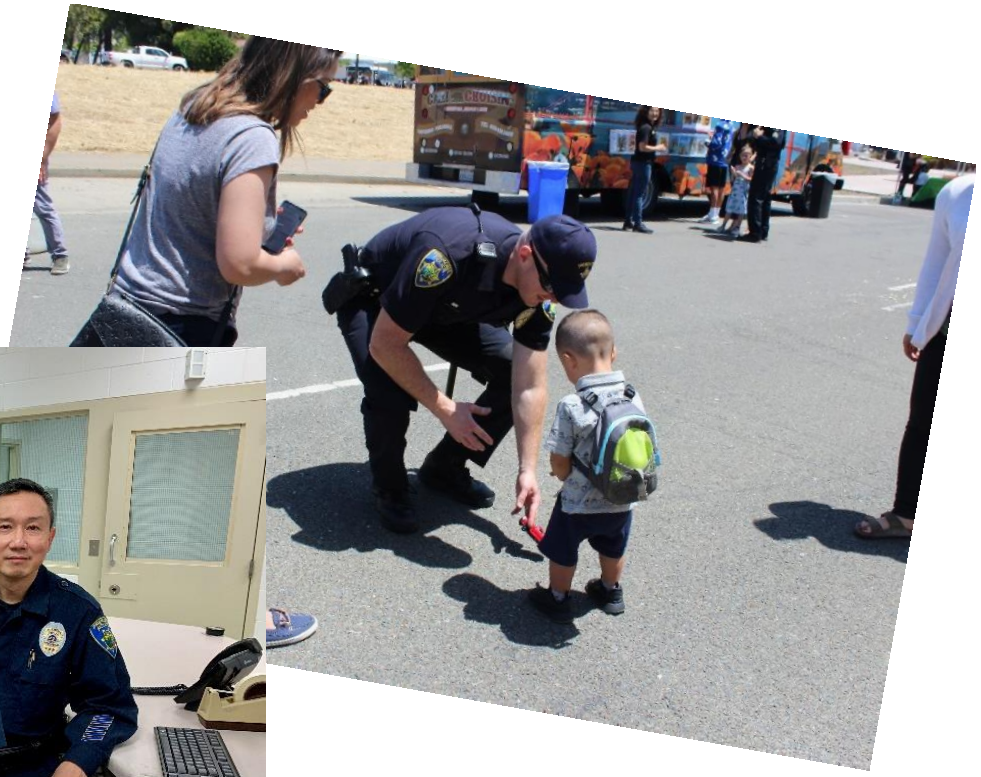
Public Safety Perspective



Homelessness in Our Community

- **How is homelessness impacting crime and safety?**
  - Calls for service involving homelessness is approx. 10%
  - Reduces availability for other calls/tasks

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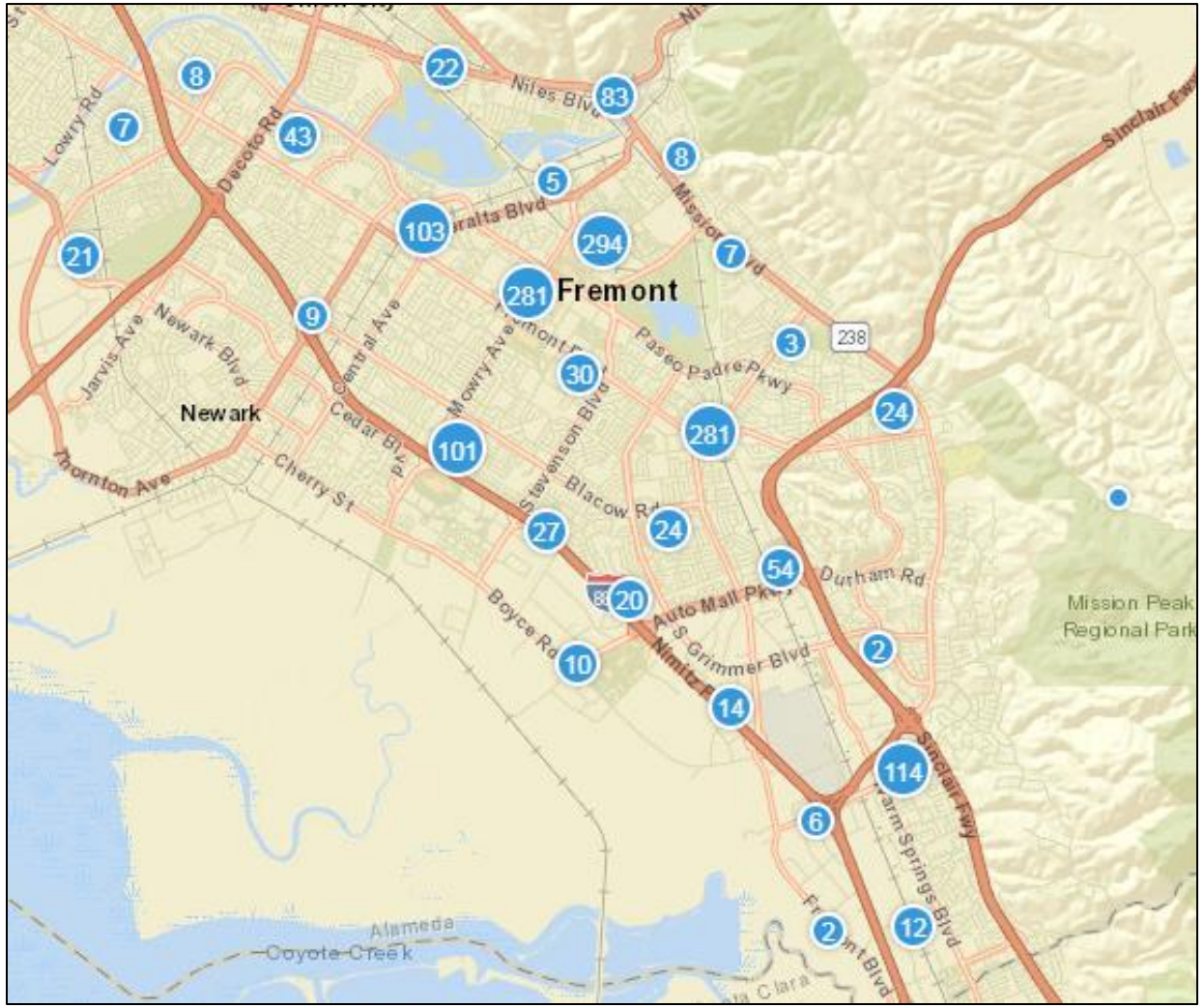
Disturbance Calls Involving Homeless



- Concentration of calls
  - January 1 through June 30, 2019
- Total calls: 1,617
- Call type created in August 2018

Crime Stats: Homeless vs. Non-Homeless

- Homeless tend to commit more crimes related to street survival
- What does our data show?

People experiencing homelessness are often victims of crime at a higher proportion than the general population

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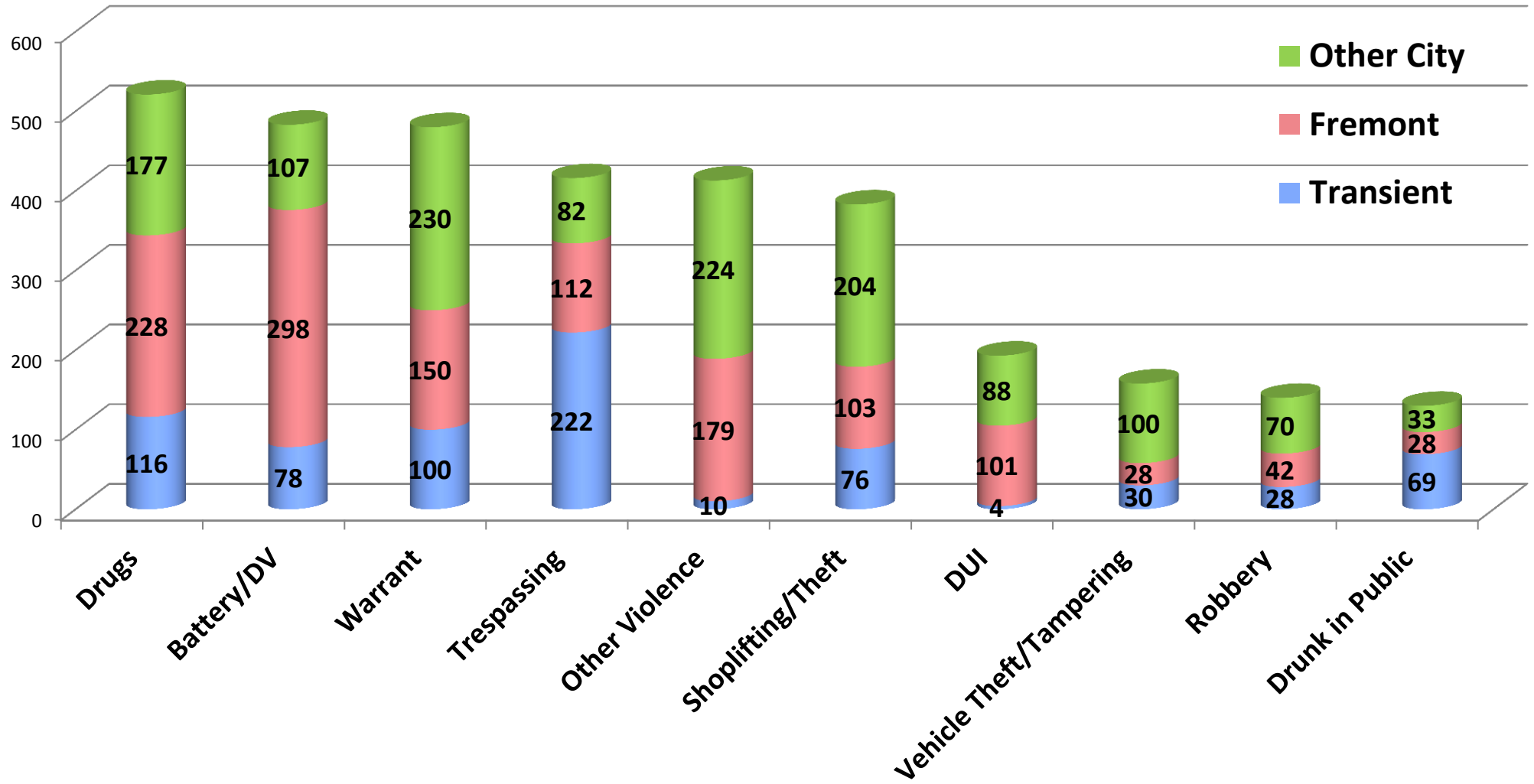
2018 Top 10 Crime Types with Highest ID Rates



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*** Disclaimer**: The 10 crime types displayed are those which have the most accurate and available residency arrest data. They do no necessarily represent the top 10 crimes in Fremont.

Navigation Center Research

- **Berkeley Police Experience**
  - No rise in crime in surrounding areas
  - Has reduced encampment in immediate area
  - 29 calls for police service in one year
- **Navigation Centers are proving to be an effective strategy**
  - 24/7 supervision
  - Resources aimed at helping residents
  - Do not appear to decrease public safety

Existing Shelters and Resources in Fremont

- **Researched our own experience with shelter in Fremont's south end**
  - About one (1) call per week
  - Types of calls
    - Primarily altercations/disputes with other residents

Will the HNC draw more homeless?

- Not a drop-in acceptance model
- Multiple other HNC's throughout Bay Area
- Berkeley's experience
- Our own experience

What's Ahead?

- Residents of these centers are already here!
- Navigation Center is an important part of our multi-pronged strategy to combat homelessness

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End of Police Department Slides

Community Input Received - Concerns

- Public Safety
  - Criminal activity, drug use, loitering, safety of neighborhood children and residents
- Attract additional homeless
- Property values decreasing
- Trash and debris gathering around the site

Community Input Received - Opportunities

- Reduce the number of unsheltered homeless in Fremont
- Reduce the number of encampments in Fremont
- More accessible health and social services for the homeless
- Provide permanent and stable housing
- Increase safety of the homeless

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