

# **Fremont's Temporary Housing Navigation Center**

Community Workshop

August 14, 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 Hindi, Mandarin 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.

# Alameda County 2019 Data

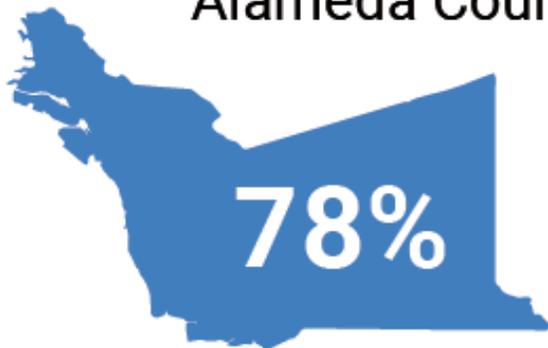
## Fremont

### Sheltered / Unsheltered Population



### Residence Prior to Homelessness

Alameda County



## Not Interested in Housing



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

# 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



# 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



# **Bay Area Community Services**



# Collecting Question Cards

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

 **QUESTION CARD**

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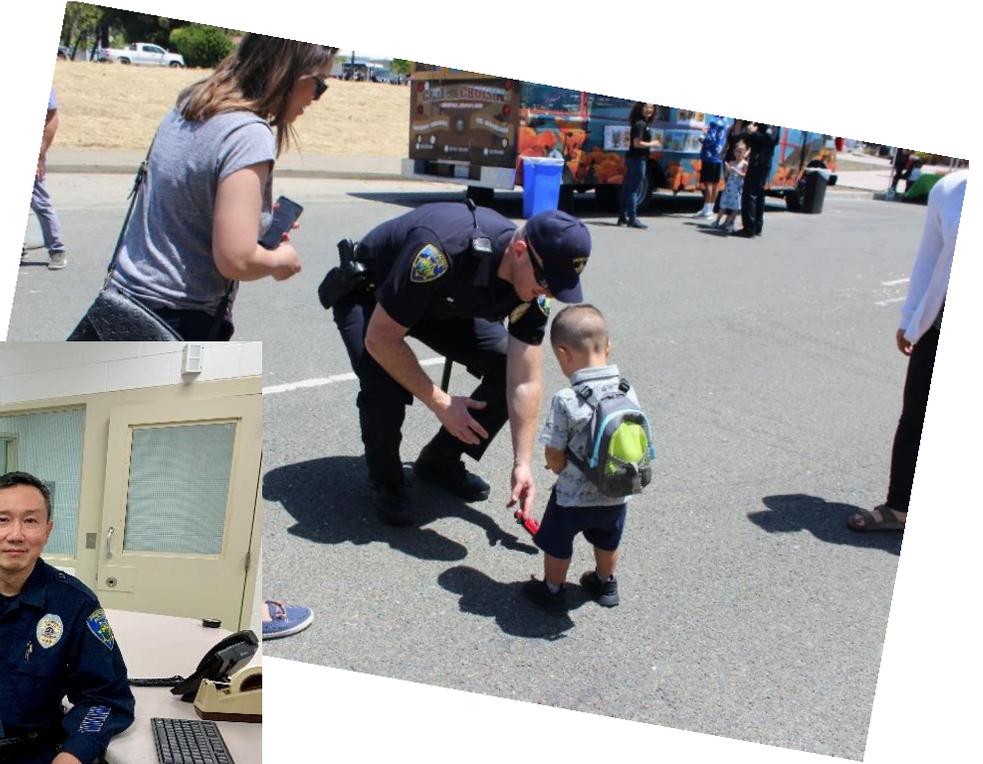
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# Public Safety Perspective



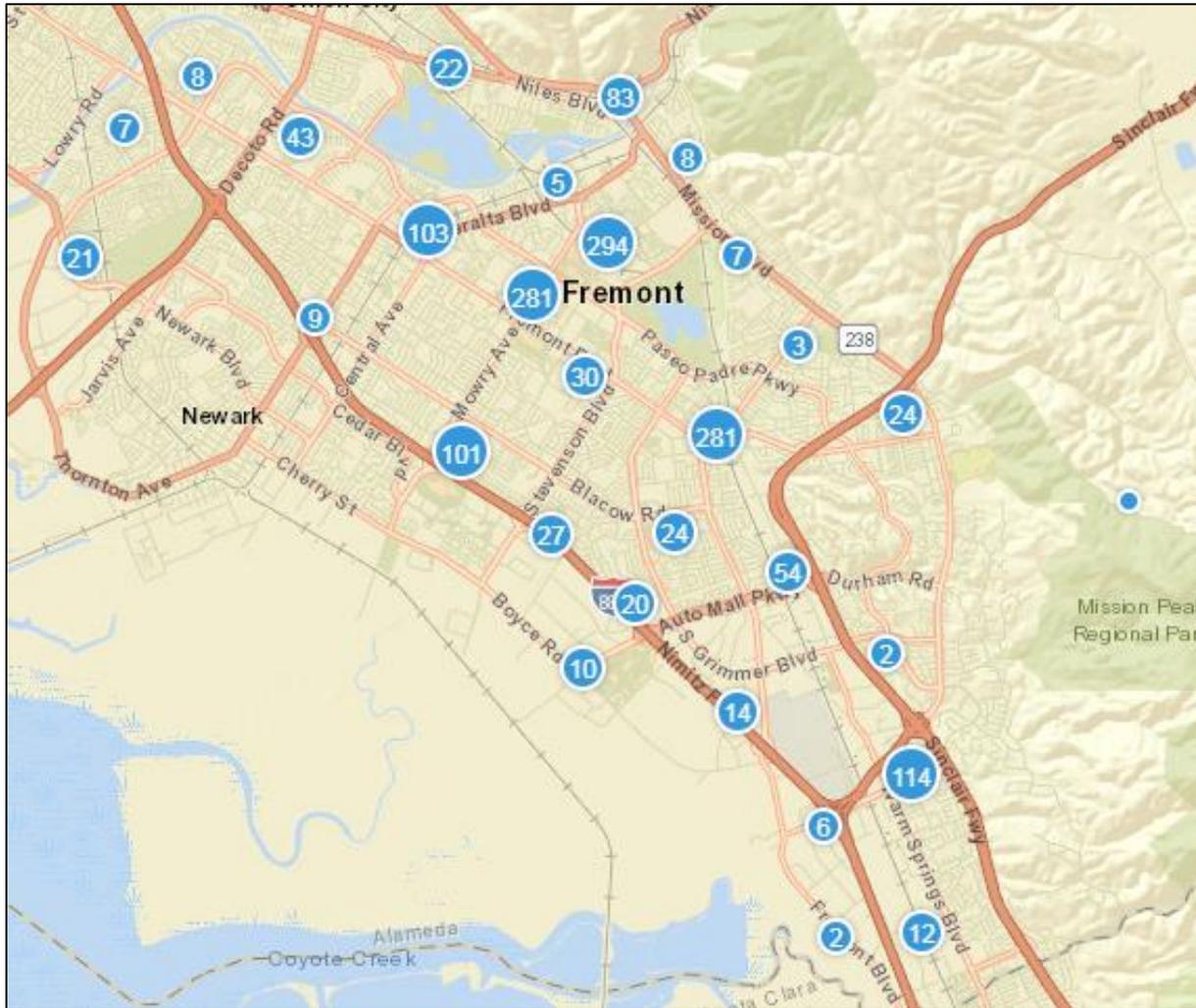
# Homelessness in Our Community

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



# Disturbance Calls Involving Homeless



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

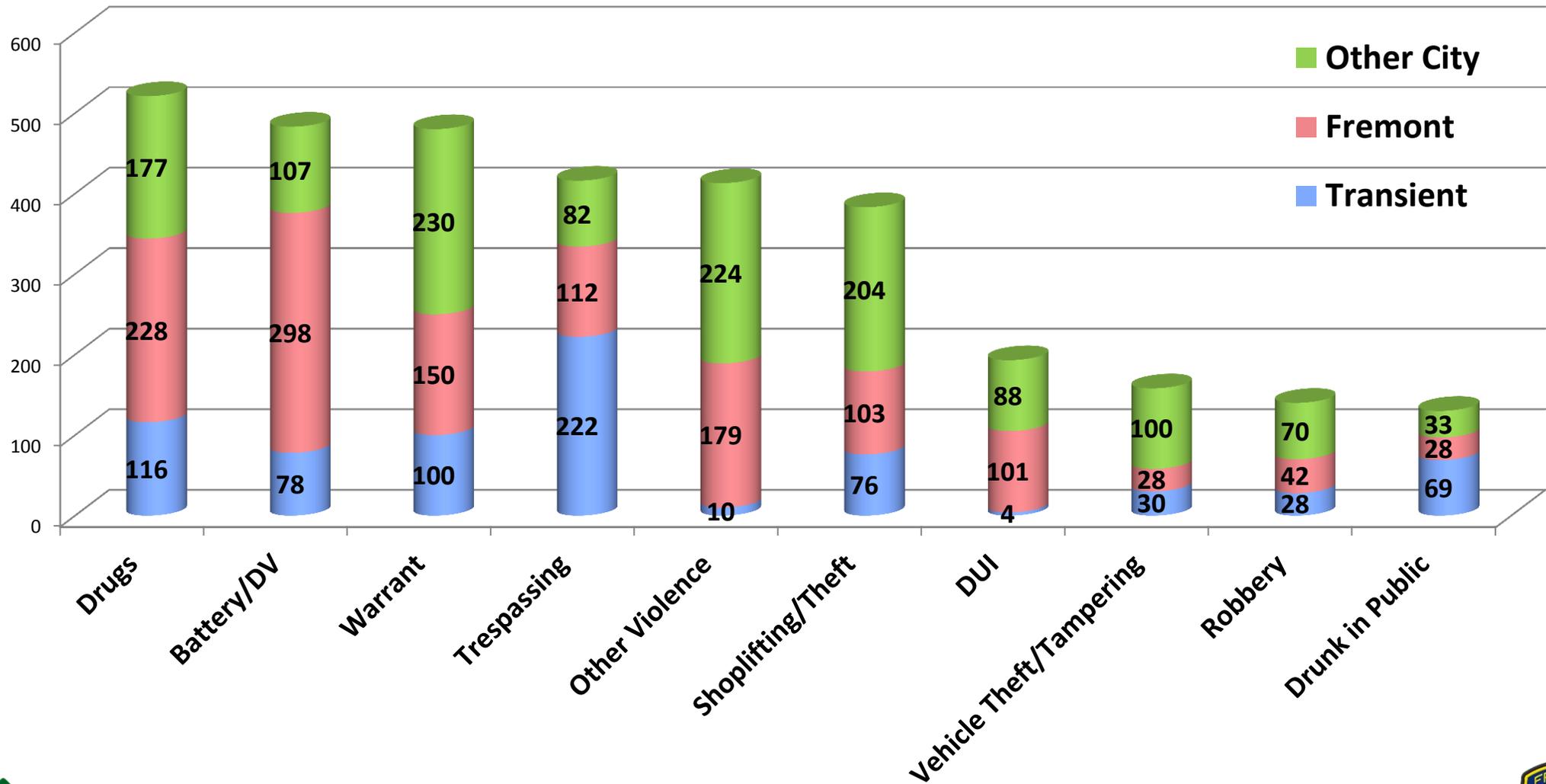
# Crime Stats: Homeless vs. Non-Homeless

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- 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**

# 2018 Top 10 Crime Types with Highest ID Rates



# Navigation Center Research

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- **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?

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

# What's Ahead?

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

# 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