

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Kylie Cheung <kylie.c.5.15@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:49 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Raj Salwan; CClerk; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Jenny Kassan; Teresa Keng; Vinnie Bacon; Yang Shao
Subject: URGENT PUBLIC COMMENT: Divest from police or face accountability

Hi,

My name is Kylie and I'm a resident of Fremont. I went to Mission San Jose High School, Hopkins Junior High, and Chadbourne Elementary with your children. I am writing to demand that the city council take drastic steps toward defunding, disarming and divesting from the police, to instead invest in our communities.

Understand that if you do not take meaningful, long-term action amid this crisis, you will be held accountable at the ballot box. We are watching and we are angry.

Policing is not about individual "good cops" and "bad cops," but an [overarching system of racist violence](#), so please do not condescend to your constituents and pretend this is about individual moral character. Where reforms consistently fail, divestment from police and investment in community resources such as affordable housing, education, health and more public goods eradicates "crime" and makes our communities safe and healthy.

True leadership is recognition that violence — which is inherent to policing and incarceration — is not a solution to violence. True leadership defies narrowmindedness that recognizes some actions as crimes but not others, such as theft, labor exploitation, wealth hoarding that denies the poor access to life-saving health care and housing, and persecution by police and the carceral state, as "violent." No one should be punished for growing up in a community where we invest drastically more in policing and incarceration than in health care, education, housing, and other basic needs and resources.

Nothing short of defunding, disarmament, and divestment is sufficient. Take all necessary steps to shift resources and keep our communities safe, or face accountability.

Kylie Cheung

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From: Randy Chloupek <randychloupek@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:47 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Cc: Police Chief
Subject: Police defunding

To Fremont City Officials and the Fremont Chief of Police,

With all the talk of disbanding and defunding Police Agencies I felt compelled to speak my mind. I was born and raised in Oakland and have lived in the bay area my entire 68 years, the last 44 in Fremont. I was taught to respect everyone, especially the Police. I was taught that if I was ever stopped by the Police for any reason, I was to remain calm, quiet, and attentive and above all to make no sudden moves and have my hands visible at all times. This is just common sense. I have never in my entire life had any issues or difficulties with the police. I know what a difficult job law enforcement has become. Not many people were brought up as I was and I'm sure that contributes to the police being very cautious.

My heart goes out to the law enforcement agencies as a whole with all the problems and civil (actually uncivil) unrest they are currently experiencing.

I feel it is absolutely WRONG to consider defunding the police. If anything, more revenue should be directed toward law enforcement. Perhaps certain police procedures need to be addressed and more individual officers, if warranted, held accountable for their actions. I'm sure in light of recent events these concerns will be addressed.

This is just my two cents worth however almost everyone I know feels the same way I do.

Regards,

Randy Chloupek

510 657- 8306

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Carol Chloupek <carolchloupek@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:00 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Cc: Police Chief
Subject: Please do not defund the Fremont Police Department

To Our City Officials

Some wish to reduce police funding in Fremont and I STRONGLY oppose this suggestion.

Fremont Police Department (FPD) has served, and is serving, our community extremely well. To my knowledge there are very, very few confirmed cases of police misconduct or racism.

Just one week ago, every major city up and down the East Bay experienced at least some looting, except Fremont. In an exemplary example of excellent police work, FPD was able to control access to NewPark Mall, The Hub and Pacific Commons such that the would-be looters left our city with no injuries and minimal damage.

FPD's response to the COVID-19 crisis has been equally superb. FPD needs more, not less, funding. Allowing investments deemed necessary by the Chief of Police, whom I have complete confidence in.

There are cities around the United States where relations between the police and the public are horribly hostile. Happily, Fremont does not fall into that category. I am a Fremont resident of 48 years who respects and supports our police department 100%. Some naively believe that if FPD reduce significant funding for FPD and give to social programs this will make Fremont a better city (in your dreams).

If you take away the tear gas and rubber bullets what will the police have left to deal with protesters who turn to looting and violence? Would you be willing to take their place to protect us and our community and our businesses?

Sincerely,

Carol Chloupek

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Angelique Hernandez <angeliquehernandez31@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:48 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment on Police Budget

Hello Public Comment,

My name is Angelique, I am a resident of Fremont, California. As a voter in this community who was born, raised, and attended school in this city, I am deeply invested in Fremont's present and future.

I urge you to redirect 40% of FPD's budget to human services, social services, and affordable housing for FY 21-22. By adding **\$37 million** to the current combined budget of **\$6 million**, the police no longer have to manage a myriad of social problems, and those in need receive care that actually benefits, not criminalizes, them.

Our city, county, and nation are in the midst of a massive transition point in the fight [against the brutality of policing](#) Black life in this country.

Here in Fremont, this issue is particularly salient. I am concerned with the way [Fremont police officers](#) enact violence and injustice, especially on Black communities. Relative to police departments across the country, our police department performs in the lowest percentile in regards to less-lethal force per arrest, deadly force per arrest, unarmed victims of deadly force per arrest, and racial disparities in arrests and deadly force. Fremont is poised to be a city that leads the fight toward dismantling all systems of racism and anti-Blackness.

To this end, I am calling on you to extend your leadership to supporting meaningful change by **defunding the Fremont police department and reallocating funds to health and housing, specifically in Fremont's Black communities.**

We can't afford to keep funding the police attacks on Black lives, especially in a pandemic. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for Fremont.

Sincerely,
Angelique H.

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Shahid Bandarkar <shahidbandarkar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:10 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: support Fremont police

Hello all,

In the years that my family and I have been resident of Fremont, we have had nothing but positive experiences with Fremont police. I believe we need to support them and defunding the police will jeopardize the security of our community.

We should not even be thinking on these lines.

Thank you so much.

Shahid Bandarkar

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Jinghua HU <jhhu@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:09 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Cc: Jinghua HU
Subject: I strongly support Fremont PD

Dear Fremont City Council,

I would like to say Thank You for making the right decision of approving the 2nd reading of city budget on June 9th, without defunding Fremont Police.

As a Fremont resident for almost ten years, I highly appreciate what Fremont PD has done for our community, and I strongly respect and support Fremont PD. I believe the vast majority of Fremont residents share the same view.

When multiple Fremont school sites were vandalized during Shelter-in-Place causing disturbance to the community, it was Fremont PD who acted fast and arrested Kristopher Sylvester although he was released by the county court immediately afterwards. When intense fear was spreading on social media that looting mobs were coming this way targeting businesses and possibly residents, it was Fremont PD who promptly secured major shopping centers and worked with the city council to issue the curfew order right on time.

People who were planning to destroy our beautiful city were frustrated, because they didn't get a chance here at Fremont, thanks to Fremont PD. People who were calling for defunding Fremont police were disappointed, because they didn't get a chance here at Fremont either, thanks to each of you on Fremont City Council. People who truly love and care about Fremont are now reassured that our city will remain safe and peaceful, as we look forward to building a stronger and better Fremont PD.

At June 9th meeting, many without a knowledge of city funding pushed for moving fund to schools; many came to simply follow social media trends; some expressed jealousy by comparing social service salaries to PD. However, with all the chaos and pressure, our city council was able to make the right decision for the best interests of Fremont, by thinking and talking logic and facts.

Please remember, the safety environment of a city is always the #1 factor for people or businesses to decide whether to come, stay or leave.

Fremont PD is the foundation of a safer and better Fremont. Please continue supporting Fremont PD.

Thank you very much,

Yours sincerely,
Jinghua Hu
6/14/2020

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Helder katharine <kathyhelder@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 7:58 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: No "Defunding" of Fremont PD Please

Dear... Some wish to reduce police funding in Fremont because one officer behaved abysmally in Minneapolis. I strongly oppose this suggestion. Fremont Police Department (FPD) has served, and is serving, our community extremely well. There are very, very few confirmed cases of police misconduct or racism. Just one week ago, every major city up and down the East Bay experienced at least some looting, except Fremont. In an exemplary example of excellent police work, FPD was able to control access to Newpark Mall, The Hub and Pacific Commons such that the would-be looters left our city with no injuries and minimal damage. FPD's response to the COVID-19 crisis has been equally superb. FPD needs more, not less, funding in order to: * Allow time and funding for additional officer training * Place more Traffic Officers on patrol to calm the high levels of unsafe driving in our city. * Oversee, support and keep safe a growing homeless population * Deploy appropriate technology like community cameras and license plate readers * And other investments deemed necessary by the Chief of Police in whom I have complete confidence There are cities around the United States where relations between the police and the public are horribly hostile. Happily, Fremont does not fall into that category. The majority of Fremont residents strongly respect and support our police department. Some naively believe that if FPD purchased less tear and gas and fewer rubber bullets it would release significant funds for social programs. This is patently ridiculous and I beg that you resist the temptation to signal your virtue by supporting these insane notions. Sincerely, Kathy and Ed Helder

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Nan <mikeandnance@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 9:48 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Support Fremont Police

Hello Government Officials,

I wanted to send an email to show my support for our Fremont Police. I've seen talks of some residents wanting to defund our police department. I'm writing to tell you that I OPPOSE this idea and hope that the unfortunate incident that occurred in Minneapolis does not sway Fremont to make any drastic and unfounded decisions. Please keep our Fremont police intact and keep up with implementing the force that you know we need.

Thank you,
N. Wong

Sent from my iPad

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Kevin Shen <kjshen99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:27 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Support Fremont Police

Dear Sir, Some wish to reduce police funding in Fremont because one officer behaved abysmally in Minneapolis. I strongly oppose this suggestion. Fremont Police Department (FPD) has served, and is serving, our community extremely well. There are very, very few confirmed cases of police misconduct or racism. Just one week ago, every major city up and down the East Bay experienced at least some looting, except Fremont. In an exemplary example of excellent police work, FPD was able to control access to Newpark Mall, The Hub and Pacific Commons such that the would-be looters left our city with no injuries and minimal damage. FPD's response to the COVID-19 crisis has been equally superb. FPD needs more, not less, funding in order to: * Allow time and funding for additional officer training * Place more Traffic Officers on patrol to calm the high levels of unsafe driving in our city. * Oversee, support and keep safe a growing homeless population * Deploy appropriate technology like community cameras and license plate readers * And other investments deemed necessary by the Chief of Police in whom I have complete confidence There are cities around the United States where relations between the police and the public are horribly hostile. Happily, Fremont does not fall into that category. The majority of Fremont residents strongly respect and support our police department. Some naively believe that if FPD purchased less tear and gas and fewer rubber bullets it would release significant funds for social programs. This is patently ridiculous and I beg that you resist the temptation to signal your virtue by supporting these insane notions. Sincerely,

Kevin Shen (408) 718-9366

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Bruce Brown <bruce.brown@informission.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:50 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: FPD

During the nearly 30 years I've lived in Fremont, I've found FPD officers and detectives to be professional and reasonable.

I continue to be impressed and appreciative of programs like "Coffee with a Cop" as well as their charitable work like providing low income kids the opportunity to "Shop with a Cop" at Christmas time, when officers use their own funds to buy them Christmas presents.

I've been especially impressed by senior officers like Detective Tom Severance and Detective Keith Farmer who serve as role models for younger officers.

While there will always be complaints about police from those who disagree with anything from getting a traffic ticket to being arrested, I urge the city council to look careful at the actions and success of FPD before making any changes to their funding.

Bruce Brown
45296 Elk Ct.

Alberto Quintanilla

From: nina vinh <drvinh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 10:58 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember
Subject: Fw: I SUPPORT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sincerely,
Dr Nina Vinh
38050 Martha Ave
Fremont, Ca 94536
510 797 7333

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From: Nina Vinh <drvinh@yahoo.com>
To: "councilmemberjones@fremont.gov" <councilmemberjones@fremont.gov>; "lmei@fremont.gov" <lmei@fremont.gov>; "councilmembers@fremont.gov" <councilmembers@fremont.gov>
Cc: Nina Vinh <drvinh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2020, 22:56:40 GMT-7
Subject: I SUPPORT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

PLEASE DO NOT CAVE IN TO POLITICAL PRESSURE.

As a resident of Fremont, I want to voice my support, and thank the department for the protection of public properties during the protests movement. Because of the stressful nature that comes with being a peace officer, I do support an ongoing program that provide mental health wellness and counseling as well as training to be familiar with different ethnic groups culture within the community .

Sent from my iPad
With warm regards,
Dr Nina Vinh
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Fremont, Ca 94536
510-797-7333

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Alberto Quintanilla

From: Sandra ADAMS <sandraadam@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:50 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Yang Shao
Subject: Keep the FPD strong!

I have heard that the vocal minority has been yelling in your ear that we should not have a strong police force. That has got to be the worst idea of the century!!!

It is critically important to have a strong police force! It is critical that people respect and follow the law. There are already too many that don't! If more people decided to revolt, clearly there are not enough police. But the current police presence has a good mix of support and deterrent to keep honest people honest. Getting rid of police, means more people will give in to their temptations that always end badly for their victims!

In fact, it would be better to have even more officers that we currently have! I moved to Fremont in 1979 when I graduated from college and I am proud to still be here 41 years later. Over the years, I have noticed fewer and fewer officers patrolling around town. It has lead to a gradual increase in the number of cars I see that run through red lights and the number of pedestrians crossing against the light. I never take off from a stop light without looking way down the road in both directions before trusting there isn't another car coming very late through the red light.

With the COVID-19 restrictions, I have even seen a new type of red light runner! They stop, look around, probably for any police, inch forward to be sure they have a clear shot and just drive slowly straight through the light. You know they saw the red light because they stopped. CRAZY!

I live in a relatively safe neighborhood and consider myself fortunate that I have not needed to call 911 for help. However, it gives me great peace of mind that if I needed immediate help from strong and well armed police to deal with an intruder in my home, they are there! I don't ever want to hesitate and "consider my position of privilege" nonsense being spouted by the vocal minority protesters. The police serve the underprivileged as well as all the citizens and visitors of Fremont!

I am sure you already know that the complaints will always outnumber the support and compliments.

Count me as a FPD supporter!!!
-Sandra Adams

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Vijay Pitchumani <hamsanandi@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:56 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Cc: Kim Petersen; Vijay; Sheela Vijay
Subject: Thank you for NOT defunding the police!

Dear Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Bacon, Councilmember Salwan, Councilmember Keng, Councilmember Kassan, Councilmember Shao: (cc: Police Chief Petersen)

We're writing to thank you all for NOT defunding the Fremont Police Department in the face of the huge "defund Police" tide that has risen in this country. This tide is scary to us and to many that we know. It takes political courage of a tall order to not be swept by it, and we bow to you for that courage.

The George Floyd murder was a horrible incident, shocking the sensibilities of almost everyone, regardless of their political persuasion. Personally, we were appalled and disgusted by it. We are very happy that local and Federal law enforcement are now working to bring justice. We are also happy that there is a national dialogue about policing reforms and are optimistic that SENSIBLE changes will take place.

So far, so good. Unfortunately, the discussion doesn't end there. Many now want to defund the police as if that is THE solution to society's ills. We don't need police, they say. How simplistic! "If men were angels," said James Madison, in what is perhaps the most famous use of the subjunctive mood, "no government would be necessary!" He pointedly understated the fact that men (people) are NOT angels, and are NOT in any danger of becoming ones anytime soon. If humanity is so good that it doesn't need law enforcement, then it doesn't need any government either. Are we willing to accept that?

We live in extremely intolerant times now. We're generously allowed to condemn the brutal killing of George Floyd (which we do wholeheartedly). But if we also condemn, while respecting peaceful protests, the violence, looting, destruction, lawlessness, and the complete surrender by the local law enforcement in some cities to anarchy, we're liable to be slapped with the "R" label. We're allowed to lustily cheer for the "defund Police" movement (which we don't, though we're very much in favor of sensible policing reforms), but if we think that a piece of the solution lies in the affected community itself, perhaps in strengthening the family structure within the community, we're liable to be branded with that "R" label again. This is very strange in a nation whose most cherished value is the First Amendment rights.

Given these intolerant times, your courage in not defunding the police is particularly admirable. We salute you for that! At the same time, we hope that you'll continue to work on reforms that improve police-community relations while preserving law and order.

May wisdom (and hence peace) enrich us all!

Best regards.

- Vijay Pitchumani and Sheela Vijay
635 Geyser Ct.
Fremont, CA 94539

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Gao Garvin <garvintb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:36 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Please Keep Supporting FPD and FFD

Dear City Council of Fremont,

My name is Garvin Gao, who has been living in Irvington for 8 years. I moved to Fremont because of my job, and then bought a house, got married and having a lovely family here. I love the people and the city of Fremont, and am very thankful to the Fremont Police department, fire department and other city departments, who keep our city safe, clean, and efficient.

I heard that Fremont city council is working on the city budget for the next year, and there is an argument that suggests to cut the funding to FPD and FFD. I worry that the city council will consider the suggestion and cut the funding recklessly. **PLEASE DON'T DEFUNDING FPD and FFD!!!** I know there were a series of serious police brutalities happened all over the country. Being a minority, I feel angry and injustice about the death of George Floyd, and I totally support the civil right fighting/protesting. But, defunding the FPD is not the solution of the national police brutality issue, and that will harm the community safety. I believe, at this moment, the FPD and FFD need the financial support more than ever because they are facing more and more growing issues and they need more training, recruiting, and equipment upgrading.

FPD is one of the most professional police departments I have seen. My personal experience with FPD was nice and comfortable. They just protected the city from a series of potential crimes at that chaotic night and did a great job during the shelter-in-place period. Don't let raging anger of the injustice erase the effort and work that done by FPD. Please don't cut their budget.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Garvin Gao

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Lisa Sanders <sharkksfan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:58 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: I oppose defunding our Fremont police!!!

Dear... Some wish to reduce police funding in Fremont because one officer behaved abysmally in Minneapolis. I strongly oppose this suggestion. Fremont Police Department (FPD) has served, and is serving, our community extremely well. There are very, very few confirmed cases of police misconduct or racism. Just one week ago, every major city up and down the East Bay experienced at least some looting, except Fremont. In an exemplary example of excellent police work, FPD was able to control access to Newpark Mall, The Hub and Pacific Commons such that the would-be looters left our city with no injuries and minimal damage. FPD's response to the COVID-19 crisis has been equally superb. FPD needs more, not less, funding in order to: * Allow time and funding for additional officer training * Place more Traffic Officers on patrol to calm the high levels of unsafe driving in our city. * Oversee, support and keep safe a growing homeless population * Deploy appropriate technology like community cameras and license plate readers * And other investments deemed necessary by the Chief of Police in whom I have complete confidence There are cities around the United States where relations between the police and the public are horribly hostile. Happily, Fremont does not fall into that category. The majority of Fremont residents strongly respect and support our police department. Some naively believe that if FPD purchased less tear and gas and fewer rubber bullets it would release significant funds for social programs. This is patently ridiculous and I beg that you resist the temptation to signal your virtue by supporting these insane notions. Sincerely,

Lisa Sanders
510-676-6259

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Meeta Sandhu <meetasandhu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:03 AM
To: Raj Salwan; citycouncil
Subject: Do not defund the fremont police. Exemplary work by fremont police and they need our support

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Dear Fremont City Officials,

As a long time resident of Fremont, I would like my voice my distress on learning that the city might reduce police funding in Fremont because of the recent incidents across the nation. I strongly oppose this suggestion.

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Sincerely,
Meeta Sandhu

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Jordan Haagenson <jdhaagenson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:38 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Please don't defund the police

In light of everything that has been happening in our country the past few months, everyone is on edge and seemingly ready to tear down everything we have built. Nothing is perfect, but we don't know what we have until it's gone. The police serve to protect the public from unsafe conditions and unsafe individuals. I for one am glad that I don't have to chase after the criminal in order to get justice. Please don't let radicals take away our police, we respect our police and support all the work they do.

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Lee Gwen <glee.fa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:53 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: support Fremont Police

Dear Council of fremont member:

Some wish to reduce police funding in Fremont because one officer behaved abysmally in Minneapolis. I strongly **oppose** this suggestion.

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Sincerely,
Gwen

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Padma Srinivasan <padmamd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:59 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Please do not defund police

I'm a Fremont resident since 1984. Over the years I've seen crime go up in Fremont. So please do not defund the police but provide more support for them. More sensitivity training will be good but police need our appreciation and support.

Thanks.

Padma Srinivasan

Padma Srinivasan

Sent from my iPad

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Maricela rivera <agentmr1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:58 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Police

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Thank you for your hard work

Maricela Rivera

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Charlene Chang <charc.chang@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:40 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Re: Do NOT defund Fremont Police

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Sincerely,
Charlene Chang

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Charlene Chang <charc.chang@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:42 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
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Alberto Quintanilla

From: Ann-Marie Root <ameer42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:25 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: FPD

Dear Teresa,

I wholeheartedly agree with the below statement:

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Warmly,
Ann-Marie

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From: Ann-Marie Root <ameer42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:21 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: FPD

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Sincerely,

Ann-Marie Root
Fremont Resident

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Ardon Kharpuri Mukhim <akharpuri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Lily Mei
Cc: citycouncil; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassin; Yang Shao
Subject: NO to Police De-Funding

Dear Honorable Mayor, and Honorable Members of the Fremont City Council,

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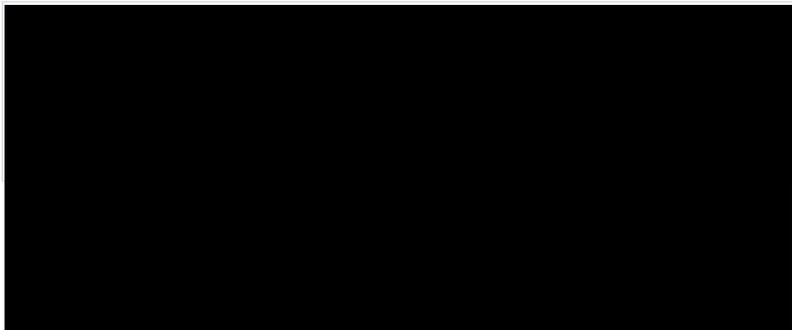
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Gunfire erupted at a toddler's birthday party in Vallejo, Calif, Tuesday night, killing two and injuring at leas...

Thank you all for your time.

Sincerely,

Ardon Kharpuri
Mission Highlands Resident

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Moorthy <moorthy.mala@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:53 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Cc: krishna moorthy
Subject: Please DO NOT defund Fremont police. They have been terrific

I have lived in Fremont since 1989. It is one of the safest cities to live in. The cops have always been respectful to the citizens. Any encounter I had with them was always pleasant. We need to support them by providing them more training and NOT DEFUND police. I am copying and pasting what another person sent on nextdoor.com. Fremont Police Department (FPD) has served, and is serving, our community extremely well. There are very, very few confirmed cases of police misconduct or racism. Just one week ago, every major city up and down the East Bay experienced at least some looting, except Fremont. In an exemplary example of excellent police work, FPD was able to control access to Newpark Mall, The Hub and Pacific Commons such that the would-be looters left our city with no injuries and minimal damage. FPD's response to the COVID-19 crisis has been equally superb. FPD needs more, not less, funding in order to: * Allow time and funding for additional officer training * Place more Traffic Officers on patrol to calm the high levels of unsafe driving in our city. * Oversee, support and keep safe a growing homeless population * Deploy appropriate technology like community cameras and license plate readers * And other investments deemed necessary by the Chief of Police in whom I have complete confidence There are cities around the United States where relations between the police and the public are horribly hostile. Happily, Fremont does not fall into that category. The majority of Fremont residents strongly respect and support our police department. Some naively believe that if FPD purchased less tear and gas and fewer rubber bullets it would release significant funds for social programs. This is patently ridiculous and I beg that you resist the temptation to signal your virtue by supporting these insane notions.

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46672 WINDMILL DRIVE
FREMONT
CA94539

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Elen Stoops <stoose@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:34 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: My support is for the Fremont Police Department

To Fremont City Council Members:

Yesterday morning I sent this note to Chief Petersen, (to which I have made one *very minor edit* so that it was appropriately shared with you here).

I have on several occasions corresponded with Kimberly Petersen including when she was still under Chief Lucero. Time and time again I found her to be responsive, responsible, respectful and straight forward and producing results. Similarly, in nearly every instance of interaction with a Police Officer in the department, I have been 100% pleased and appreciative of how they handled the situation.

I can't and do not really need to add anything further about FPD.

I have also had the good fortune to receive responsiveness from some members of our City Council. I hope you shall take the time to consider my request and input that FPD is deserving of your fullest support in all respects.

On another note, I have been a resident of Fremont for over 30 years.

Thank you for your time to consider my position on this matter.

Sincerely,
Elen Stoops

Dear Chief Petersen,

It's truly unbelievable how 2020 has turned out to be and we're not even half way through the year. Well this letter isn't about fireworks but I selected the earliest email correspondence I've had from you for your email address.

As you're probably aware, it would seem that the vast majority of Fremont is happy with and supportive of FPD under your tenure and I don't expect that to change. What I'm writing about though is whether you've reflected upon methods, means to bring the PD and the public closer together right now so that we're partnering.

I think the Coffee with the Cops was a great venue. With the times, for more reason than one, not suitable right now.

But I did want to put the bug in your ear that I think we need more opportunities for 1:1 conversations, the types where people get to know each other first as people. I find that when they first do this, then the ability to learn from each other is greatly enhanced.

Just a weird idea, but as an example, you know how they have those bring your daughter to work days...? or how there are international student exchange programs? and these things facilitate somewhat unstructured

ways for people to learn about each other...an opportunity is provided but the way the experience unfolds and what actually transpires is unique to the individuals involved.

I see how people armchair quarterback on the social media sites (Nextdoor as my example) but not that many of these same people seem to have more meaningful interaction in real life to inform their views in more substantial ways.

I see how people pick their news channel, but out of laziness let others (the media they decide to consume their "knowledge" from) help them form their world view.

Based on the success Fremont has had thus far in management of the protests, I'm hopeful there's a possibility for 'a model for best practices' in shaping "police reform" which is what the "Defund Police" message most likely means.

I think a proactive approach by FPD on how to build awareness, consensus and partnering/supporting community/police together would be a worthwhile endeavor for conversation, at least within your department. And what if a teacher brought a cop to school for the day, and then if the teacher made the rounds with a cop for the day at another time ... that could be a good story...

Please consider how you could lead the way for constructive interaction, where you create the venue such that the communication is sincere, open, two way, respectful, safe and builds trust and confidence in both directions. I believe public opinion in Fremont is that there are places we are lacking in leadership. People are seeking it. I think you can [and do] deliver.

Regardless.... I don't know if any of this is practical or resonates. But I did wish to reach out.

Thanking you and the department for holding things together under these extraordinarily stressful and difficult times. As a regular citizen the stress level on me personally is so high. I can't even begin to imagine how it is so much harder for you and your team. Thank you again.

Kind regards.

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Joanna Leong <jleong16@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:33 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Opinion Opposing Police Defunding

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On May 31, every major city up and down the East Bay experienced at least some looting, except Fremont. My optometry practice in San Leandro was one of them. We sustained a significant amount of loss, as did many businesses around us. While my business was being ravaged, and that's not an inaccurate term in this case, I was fortunate to be home in Fremont, where the same did not occur.

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Joanna Leong
Family Focus Optometry of San Leandro
Citizen of Fremont

Alberto Quintanilla

From: J Helm <me2mail88@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:29 PM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Support of Fremont Police

Dear Mayor Mei and Fremont City Council Members: Some wish to reduce police funding in Fremont because officers have behaved abysmally in other parts of the country. We strongly oppose this idea and support the opposite - more funding for all police services. Fremont Police Department (FPD) has, and continues to, serve our community extremely well. There are very, very few confirmed cases of police misconduct or racism. Just one week ago, every major city up and down the East Bay experienced at least some looting, except Fremont. In an exemplary example of excellent police work, FPD was able to control access to Newpark Mall, The Hub and Pacific Commons such that the would-be looters left our city with no injuries and minimal damage. FPD's response to the COVID-19 crisis has been equally superb. FPD needs more, not less, funding in order to:

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The law-abiding, native and long time residents of Fremont, fully support the City of Fremont, especially the Police and Fire departments. Sincerely,
Jenny Louie-Helm
Matthew Helm
Stephanie Helm
all voting-age natives of Fremont

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Kathy M <meuterk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:52 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Fremont Police

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Kathy MEUTER

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Michael Lightstone <milight01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:35 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Support for Fremont Police

Dear Mayor and City Council,

As a resident of Fremont, I oppose attempts to abolish / defund the police in Fremont.

With the release of prisoners from jail due to covid, crime has been on the rise in Fremont, and it is important for the police to deter and fight crime.

If you follow conversations on nextdoor, it appears that the majority of residents support this position.

Thank you,

Michael Lightstone
2181 Ocaso Camino
Fremont, CA 94539

Alberto Quintanilla

From: paul.afshar@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:32 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Continue Funding for FPD

I believe our Fremont Police Department has been doing a great job and the city should continue to support them through necessary funding, as it has been done in the past.

Regards,

Paul Afshar, Ph.D.

Fremont Resident for more than 20 years

Alberto Quintanilla

From: ZuohengQin <zuoheng.qin.work@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:25 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Thanks and support for our Fremont Policy Department

Hi Dear CityCouncil Members and Mayor of Fremont:

I'm a Fremont residence for 16+ years. Probably shorter compared to many residences here in Fremont. I love this city and can tell it is getting better and better. I am very happy about our Fremont Policy department service and I think they are the main reason Fremont is one of the safest city in US.

I strongly against the idea of defund police and I don't know what is the rational behind it! I'm very concerned about the defund police department - which will eventually affect their motivation of projecting our city, their ability to hire and train quality police officers & equipment needed!

One or a few bad bugs should not make us deny/punish the whole police department and they risk their life to protect us.

I listened to yesterday's online meeting but I didn't speak. It doesn't mean those speakers represent us - the majority of silent voice.

Please let all voices heard. and again I support our Fremont Police Department!! Pls do NOT defund.our Fremont police!

Thanks
Zuoheng

Alberto Quintanilla

From: TY <ty94539@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:30 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
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Tong

Alberto Quintanilla

From: Sophie Chien <hui_isub02@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:16 AM
To: citycouncil; Lily Mei; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao
Subject: Support Fremont Police

Dear Sirs,

We heard there were voice about reducing police funding. We are the resident of Fremont who moved here 5 years ago.

We appreciate what police did for us and would like to continue support our police, hoping there will be no funding reduce on them!

Thank you
Kikuchi family