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To: Fremont Mayor Lily Mei  
Fremont Vice-Mayor Jenny Kassan  
Fremont City Councilmembers: Vinnie Bacon, Raj Salwan, Teresa Keng, and Rick Jones

Thank you for drafting the Black Lives Matter Proclamation for the July 21, 2020 Fremont City Council Meeting. City of Fremont's Proclamation is very tardy when you have had 6 council meetings till now. A majority of other Bay Area city councils presented their Proclamations in June 2020.

Thank you to the City of Fremont and Fremont Police for initiating Engagement sessions on policing with the diverse group of Fremont residents. I look forward to the published progress reports.

Thank you to the Fremont Fire for instituting the African-American Readers program in the local Fremont schools to promote positive images of African Americans.

Thank you to Vice-Mayor Jenny Kassan and City Councilmember Vinnie Bacon for reaching out to me to discuss Black Lives Matter and other issues related to the African-American community.

To date, there has never been a Proclamation to recognize nor celebrate Black History Month in Fremont. Fremont has never had an African-American who served on City Council nor Mayor. African-Americans in Fremont are disproportionately not represented well on the City of Fremont commissions, appointments, City Council, recruiting, and hiring/promotion practices.

I am proud of Ohlone College's work in promoting diversity each month as seen in our resolutions for Black History Month as well as many others, i.e. Afghan, Hispanics, Native Americans, Deaf and Disabilities, etc. for over two decades.

City Council needs to take actions to address these issues of inequalities in our City of Fremont.

I am happy to work with the City of Fremont, Mayor, City Council, Fremont Fire, Fremont Police, and others.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Mei and Councilmembers,

I find the City Council's agenda item 3A offensively insincere and disingenuous. This feels more like "virtue signaling" that is pandering to a belief that this proclamation is of any significance to those it is supposed to recognize. I realize that there are several of you up for re-election this November. However, this is a political platitude. Are certain lives in America only important when there is an election around the corner? This proclamation sure feels like one. But, if it is an affirmation of support for the BLM organization, it is beyond shameful.

The statement "Black lives matter" in and of itself should be self-evident. Just like this paragraph from our Declaration of Independence that supports not only black lives but all lives: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

However, the BLM organization has shown that it believes in neither of the above two self-evident truths. If it did, it would stop participating in the harm that is happening in areas of color and low income, as well as others. Unfortunately, this organization supports the destruction of our Country by ochlocracy (mob rule). Ignoring this reality and denying that the BLM organization is not promoting division and violence illustrates a pluralistic ignorance. We have all seen the rioting, looting, anarchy, vandalism, and death, during BLM protests. However, CNN, MSNBC, etc. are propagandizing these events as just peaceful movements that are drawing attention to systemic racism and police abuse against those of color. And, this is a situation in which the majority is privately reject this premise, but goes along with it because they assume, incorrectly, that most others accept it.

If one honestly evaluates the claim that systemic racism is ubiquitous in America, the facts lead us to a much different conclusion. Is our Country perfect? No, it is not. However, we live in a country of mixed races and genders in which each of these American groups is able to reach heights not afford by all other countries, such as the President, Supreme Court Justice, Congress member, Governor, Mayor, US Attorney General, Military General, fighter pilot, CEO, entrepreneur, and on and on. As President Obama said in his March 18, 2008 speech, "I am the son of a black man from Kenya and a white woman from Kansas. I was raised with the help of a white grandfather who survived a Depression to serve in Patton's Army during World War II and a white grandmother who worked on a bomber assembly line at Fort Leavenworth while he was overseas. I've gone to some of the best schools in America and lived in one of the world's poorest nations. I am married to a black American who carries within her the blood of slaves and slave owners - an inheritance we pass on to our two precious daughters. I have brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, uncles and cousins, of every race and every hue, scattered across three continents, and for as long as I live, I will never forget that in no other country on Earth is my story even possible."

And, a final note. If you truly feel that attention needs to be shined on the inequities of black Americans, I suggest you pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the ensuing "peaceful" unrest of the tragic murder of George Floyd. Here is a partial list of Americans whose life was cut short by the flames of anarchy allowed to burn unabated by local leaders who lack any courage.

Name	Age	City
Sincere A. Gaston	1	Chicago
Shaniya Gilmore	3	Baltimore
Mekhi James	3	Austin
Secoriea Turner	8	Atlanta
Lena Nunez	10	Chicago
Amaria Jones	13	Austin
Michael Ike	15	Chicago
Antonio Mays Jr.	16	Seattle (CHOP)
Charles Riley	16	Chicago
Jasean Francis	17	Chicago
Brandon Hendricks	17	The Bronx
Dorian Murrell	18	Indianapolis
Horace Lorenzo Anderson	19	Seattle (CHOP)
Javar Harrell	21	Detroit
Italia Marie Kelly	22	Davenport
James Scurlock	22	Omaha
Marquis Tousant	23	Davenport
Summer Taylor	24	Seattle
Jessica Doty Whitaker	24	Indianapolis
Jorge Gomez	25	Las Vegas
Victor Cazares Jr.	27	Chicago
Jose Gutierrez	28	Chicago
Barry Perkins III	29	St. Louis
Chris Beaty	38	Indianapolis
Calvin Horton Jr.	43	Minneapolis
Marvin Francois	50	Kansas City
David McAtee	53	Louisville
Patrick Underwood	53	Oakland
David Dorn	77	St. Louis

For those that who seek additional information that may provide additional context to the struggles of the inter-cities and the BLM organization, these may provide a transformative perspective.

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An insightful article by Ryan Bomberger

Beverly Beatty on BLM and Democrats

Interview with Hawk Newsome - Black Lives Matter NYC

Uncle Tom Documentary

Waiting For "Superman" documentary on public schools

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