

October 26, 2016

Dear Fremont Unified School District Board of Trustees:

This letter is in response to Fremont Unified School District Resolution No. 007-1617, Support for Reducing the Negative Impacts of Unrestricted Land Development on Fremont Schools scheduled for hearing at the Board of Trustees meeting, October 26, 2016.

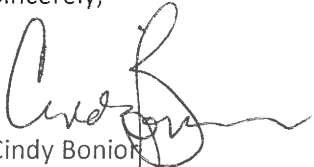
I am writing to express the Fremont Chamber of Commerce opposition to this action for the following reasons:

- The Chamber believes and supports efforts to increase housing of both for-sale and rental properties for all income levels; more housing will help Fremont grow and retain a talented workforce. It is critical to support fair market housing development in order to fund affordable housing for teachers and others who work in our schools and community yet cannot afford to live here.
- We support and endorse development projects that will revitalize previously blighted areas, increase the city's tax base and enhance economic activity in the area. Increased economic activity will serve to make more money available to address the infrastructure problems facing our City and schools.

Additionally, we are deeply concerned regarding the lack of transparency and outreach to impacted stakeholders prior to scheduling the reading of this resolution. This type of action only serves to alienate impacted stakeholders and move us further from a fair and equitable resolution.

We urge the Board of Trustees to postpone the discussion of this resolution so that proper notification and outreach can be made, and careful consideration given to the affected parties.

Sincerely,



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President/CEO