



**North Fair Oaks Community Council**

*A Municipal Advisory Council to the  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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Brooks Esser, Chair  
Juan Carlos Prado, Vice-Chair  
Beatriz Cerrillo  
Everardo Rodriguez  
Joanie Gillispie  
Linda López  
Jennifer Ruiz  
Blair Whitney  
Gabriela Ake  
Xitlali Curincita

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**February 24, 2022**

**7:00pm**

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The North Fair Oaks Community Council provides recommendations on the issues of community health, safety, welfare, public works and planning for the North Fair Oaks geographic area. It holds regular monthly meetings to address the needs of the community, act as a forum, and serve as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

**Pursuant to the Shelter in Place Orders issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer and the Governor, the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, and the CDC’s social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, this meeting was held via videoconference. It began at 7:00 PM and was accessed online at <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/95432112211> or by calling 1 (877) 568-4106 for Spanish.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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**Present:** Council Members Beatriz Cerrillo, Linda Lopez, Everardo Rodriguez, Blair Whitney, Gabriela Ake, Xitlali Curincita, Vice-Chair Juan C. Prado, Chair Brooks Esser

**Staff Present:** Legislative Aid Maggie Cornejo, Deputy County Tim Fox, Community Affairs Office Emma Gonzalez, Diana Hernandez, Kenny Chu, Joshua Caspillan

**2. AB 361 Resolution**

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Motion to adopt the AB 361 Resolution to continue holding meetings on online form:  
Council Member Juan C. Prado/ Second: Council Member Everardo Rodriguez

**Verbal roll call vote was taken:**

Yes: Prado, Cerrillo, Lopez, Rodriguez, Whitney, Ake, Curincita, Brooks (8)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gillispie, Ruiz (2)

**3. Public Comment**

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Ana Avendano: OYE Conference on March 19, 2022

**AGENDA**

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## 4. Report Out

### **Supervisor's Report**, presented by Maggie Cornejo, Legislative Aid

- Resolution awarded to the Youth of the Year Award to Xitlali Curincita
- San Mateo County libraries distributing limited amount of N95 masks and covid test kits
- Project HomeKey purchased Comfort & Suites to be converted to affordable housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- \$3.3 million to create the Summer 2022 Enrichment Program for low-income and vulnerable students and to support the social emotional well-being of students
- Investment of \$400,00 to promote mental health awareness, \$200,00 to support women and minority-owned businesses with certifications
- Realize Flood Park hosting a community meeting to discuss the 2020 landscape plan features

### **County Manager's Report**, presented by Emma Gonzalez, Community Affairs Manager

- Limited time micro-business grants program for small businesses impacted by Covid-19 whose revenue was under \$50,000; grant awards total to \$2,500
- Middle Field Rd Project updates include lane closures, new traffic signage, construction plan updates online, mitigating concerns from businesses, and ensuring NFO residents have entry access to all businesses
- The Emergency Rental Relief Assistance Program received a request from the county for a total of \$150.5 million, rental amount obligated \$72.5 million, as of January 30<sup>th</sup> 4,125 households have received \$57.6 million in rental assistance

### **Council Member's Report**, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council

- Chair Brooks Esser
  - Continued support to the North Fair Oaks Community Festival planning committee
  - Community concerns with construction of large homes built by the development company TJ Holmes, Planning & Building department taking a proactive approach to monitoring these project sites, concern for tree canopy removals due to construction
  - Updates to the North Fair Oaks Community Plan will take place
- Council Member Linda Lopez
  - Serves on the Housing Community Development Committee, seeking participation from other council members or any public member interested
- Council Member Ever Rodriguez
  - OYE Conference Covid compliance subcommittee lead
  - County has expanded the list of tree species that are now allowed to be planted in unincorporated areas, Canopy continues to plant trees in North Fair Oaks
  - Potential for a weeklong training program for students interested in journalism
- Council Member Blair Whitney
  - The North Fair Oaks Library distributed masks and Covid test kits
  - Middle Field Rd Project traffic signage has helped smooth the flow of traffic
- Council Member Xitlali Curincita
  - Project Green rising undergraduate student board member
  - OYE conference planning committee member

**Public comment:** No public comment.

## 5. Council Elections

<b>Led by North Fair Oaks Community Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for nominations, and election of North Fair Oaks Community Council Chair</li> </ul> <p>Motion to <b>elect</b> Brooks Esser as Chair of the North Fair Oaks Community Council Council Member Everardo Rodriguez/ Second: Council Member Juan C. Prado</p> <p><b>Verbal roll call vote was taken:</b>            Yes: Prado, Cerrillo, Lopez, Rodriguez, Whitney, Ake, Curincita, Brooks (8)            No: 0            Abstain: 0            Absent: Gillispie, Ruiz (2)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for nominations, and election of North Fair Oaks Community Council Vice-Chair</li> </ul> <p>Motion to <b>elect</b> Blair Whitney as Vice-Chair of the North Fair Oaks Community Council Council Member Everardo Rodriguez/ Second: Council Member Linda Lopez</p> <p><b>Verbal roll call vote was taken:</b>            Yes: Prado, Cerrillo, Lopez, Rodriguez, Whitney, Ake, Curincita, Brooks (8)            No: 0            Abstain: 0            Absent: Gillispie, Ruiz (2)</p>
<b>Council Members Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Member Ever Rodriguez</li> <li>• Council Member Blair Whitney</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

## 6. Presentation: Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula’s Youth of the Year- Xitlali Curincita

<b>Presented by Jenny Obiaya, Co-Chief Executive Officer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth of the Year award to Xitlali Curincita</li> <li>• Youth of the Year Semifinalist Gabriela Ake</li> </ul> <p>Informational presentation. No Council motion required.</p>
<b>Council Members Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Member Linda Lopez</li> <li>• Chair Brooks Esser</li> <li>• Council Member Everardo Rodriguez</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

## 7. Presentation: Immigration Integration & inclusion Survey

<b>Presented by Jennifer Llamas &amp; Emily Smith,</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Mateo County was awarded a national Gateways for Growth grant</li> <li>• Quantitative research report on the demographic and economic contributions immigrants make in their communities</li> </ul>
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<b>Office of Community Affairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigrant Inclusion Strategy Plan for the next 3-5 years</li> <li>• Immigrant Inclusion Survey open for 4 weeks for those who identify as an immigrant and live, work or go to school in San Mateo County</li> </ul> <p>Informational presentation. No Council motion required.</p>
<b>Council Member's Comment(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Member Linda Lopez</li> <li>• Council Member Everardo Rodriguez</li> <li>• Council Member Beatriz Cerrillo</li> <li>• Chair Brooks Esser</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

### 8. Presentation: Community Climate Action Plan

<b>Presented by Carolyn Bloede, Director Office of Sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change impacts global climate conditions brought by the burning of fossil fuels, carbon dioxide causes rise in temperatures</li> <li>• Records indicate more heat waves, risk for wildfires, more flooding</li> <li>• Effects on public health, more people develop asthma or other chronic health conditions</li> <li>• Carbon dioxide largely comes from transportation, energy, solid waste</li> <li>• Actions to reduce energy use, transition to renewable energy sources</li> <li>• Actions to transition to electric vehicles, provide more access to public transportation, walking, biking</li> <li>• Actions to reduce and divert waste from the landfill</li> <li>• Actions to sequester carbon and support the local food system</li> <li>• Online interactive open house to encourage public engagement, survey collection, and live virtual events being held March-April</li> <li>• Request for Board approval and adoption of plan this summer 2022</li> </ul> <p>Informational presentation. No Council motion required.</p>
<b>Council Member's Comment(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Member Beatriz Cerrillo</li> <li>• Council Member Everardo Rodriguez</li> <li>• Council Member Blair Whitney</li> <li>• Council Member Juan C. Prado</li> <li>• Chair Brooks Esser</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

### 9. Presentation: San Mateo County Library- North Fair Oaks Branch

<b>Presented by Carmen Letona-Adams, Senior Librarian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences, inclusive sense of place and environment for learning</li> <li>• North Fair Oaks Library annual report for the fiscal year 2020 and 2021</li> <li>• 283,997 people live in service area, 37% of total county population</li> <li>• Closing the digital divide by increasing the wi-fi hotspots, digital distance learning support, investments in digital literacy, one-on-one tech support, workforce development programs</li> <li>• Equity initiatives include giving out 55,231 books, author visits, field trips</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meal program during the pandemic provided 35,347 meals</li> <li>• Inspiring Summers served 1,500+ children in Kindergarten-3rd grade</li> <li>• Familias Unidas Graduation provided free books and resource assistance</li> <li>• STEAM Series at Friendship Park</li> <li>• Storytime with the Sheriff</li> </ul> <p>Informational presentation. No Council motion required.</p>
<b>Council Member's Comment(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Member Juan C. Prado</li> <li>• Council Member Everardo Rodriguez</li> <li>• Council Member Blair Whitney</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.

**Next Council Meeting:\***  
Thursday March 24, 2022; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

\*North Fair Oaks Community Council will have a recess for the month of December.

For more information on future meetings, agendas, minutes, and presentations/presentation materials, please visit: <https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/north-fair-oaks-community-council>