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Building Relationships, the Kidango Way

by Robin Michel Kidango

What does Kidango, a non profit child care and early education agency, have in common with Starbucks and Southwest Airlines? All three are leaders in their industry, all three continuously strive for increased excellence and customer satisfaction, and all three practice relationship-based reflective supervision.

Inspired by the book The Southwest Way and various articles on relationship-based reflective supervision, Kidango Executive Director Paul Miller and others on the Directors Team, began to question its own cul-

"Kidango went through tremendous growth in a short period of time," said Miller. "In the space of two years, we opened approximately ten new centers. Although this was exciting, it also created some stress."

As the agency bigger, it became more difficult to keep staff current of new developments. It ran the risk that some employees might feel left out of the decision making process, and relationships were suffering. "We asked ourselves, 'How could we continue to deliver excellent service, retain and train staff, provide time for individual

and team reflection and encourage strong relationships between staff and the families we serve?' Southwest, Jet Blue and Starbucks, for profit corporations, provided models that we thought we could adapt and emulate."

Early 2004, a Kidango task force formed to begin researching principles of relationship based, reflective supervision and how different organizations-both for profits and non profits put these into practice. By mid 2004, the Directors Team made it a priority to use some of their staff time to have

- Kidango

Chamber Supports Route 84 Moving Forward

by Billy Sandbrink

Director of Government Affairs

In the 15 years of debate over Route 84 in northern Fremont, a finish line is in sight and the future of traffic in the area is soon to be determined. All sides are closer than ever on reaching an agreement and finding a solution to the issue.

At the September 6 Fremont City Council meeting, the majority of the Council decided to have staff meet with the Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA) and Caltrans staff with the goal of establishing the framework, possibly in the form of a memorandum of understanding (MOID, for how the issue will proceed and to what all sides involved will agree. The reason for the Fremont Council requiring this commitment is because of the Council's perception that the other parties involved, namely

Caltrans, have constantly sent mixed messages as to what they want and require. This has led to the Council's reluctance to sign off on a project unless it is spelled out in writing.

For Route 84 to gain the Fremont Council's consent, at a minimum,

Caltrans, ACTA, Fremont and Union City will probably have to enter into a MOU stating that Option 2 will get built if 1) the Fremont Council has the right to reserve final judgment on the project until the environmental and

engineering work is completed and is acceptable to the Fremont Council; 2) funds will be dedicated to traffic mitigation at the Decoto Road/Paseo Padre Parkway intersection; and 3) the

Billy Sandbrink

sale of Caltrans land will be used for bringing the existing Route 84 up to a state of good repair and used on the Mission Boulevard/I-880 Interchange project.

Since Option 2 does not use all of the Caltrans-owned land that was

originally purchased for the historic alignment of Route 84, Caltrans has stated that it will sell the excess land. Usually when the state sells its own land, the money for the sale of the land goes back to the state. The Fremont Council has proposed that part of the money from the excess sale of Caltrans-

owned land go to funding the Mission Boulevard/I-880 Interchange, which is currently short \$42.4 million. To help keep discussions alive regarding Route 84 and to help build the Mission Bou-

Celebrating Holidays and Diversity

"Cultural diversity

doesn't simply mean

ethnic diversity and

flexibility; it is the key

to honoring values.

by Caroline Davidson and Beverly Aabiera

How does a community service agency celebrate the holidays when its participants come from all over the world? Including multiple national, religious and cultural celebrations is a challenging, enriching oppor-

tunity. For 33 years, On Lok SeniorHealth has risen to these occasions. Honoring members' unique holidays helps everyone learn about and embrace the traditions and customs of diverse cultures

On Lok SeniorHealth members are 950 people, 55 years and older, who speak English, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi, Korean, Italian and everything in between. We have eight centers serving neighborhoods in San Francisco and Fremont. With a virtual United Nations of members and staff. On Lok SeniorHealth has learned to be sensitive to the needs of many very different people.

At On Lok SeniorHealth, December through February is one continuous festival filled with events, parties and food designed to help members explore new worlds as we observe holidays. For example, Thanksgiving and Christmas season bring mental pictures

to many Americans of a big turkey dinner and presents under the tree. At each of our centers we too put up a tree and our members love to give gifts. But we have some special

traditions as well. In one center, some participants who speak only Chinese dialects have learned to sing Christmas songs in English. As a group they go out into the community to share the joy of the season. We hand-make holiday cards with a non-religious theme and serve sumptuous roast beef dinners

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levard/I-880 Interchange. Assemblymember Alberto Torrico and Senator Liz Figueroa passed AB 1462, signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

on October 7.

This law allows Fremont and ACTA to submit a local alternative transportation improvement project (LATIP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Mission Boulevard/I-880

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Elise Balgley Bernard, Balgley & Bonaccorsi

Message from the Guest Editor

Many of you may know me from my various volunteer activities rather than my law practice. For many years, I've worked hard with the League of Volunteers, Bay Area Community Services, Kiwanis Club of Fremont and, at one point, Life Eldercare. You might ask and some have "why do you do what you do?"

Likewise, this issue of the Fremont Business News is about volunteerism. Again, what does that have to do with the Chamber's mis-

sion to "promote, support and enhance a positive business environment?" I want to answer that question regarding volunteerism, and its relation to the Chamber's mission, and here's how...

First, there's a very direct way. When you, whether as an individual

or as a business, do something to help others, you help the community. When you help the community, you make it possible for people to be here; you make the community a better place. Those people may very well be customers or clients for your business.

Volunteering is another way to network. When someone sees that your business gives back to the community, he or she is more likely to want to do business with you. My business would not be the same had I not spent the time with the various organizations I have worked with over the years. Getting to know others in the community who share your feelings about a particular cause can only help to generate the relationships which create good business.

Volunteering, giving back to the community makes you and your employees feel good. People who feel good do a better job. This leads to increased productivity and a more successful business.

In this issue, you will meet just a few of the many volunteer organizations in our city. There are so many more groups and individuals doing their part to help. Pick one and support it. Your business will prosper and all of us will have a better place to live and work

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Hurricane Katrina Hits Local Non-Profits



by Brendon Whateley CEO, Dark Indigo, Inc.

Recent natural disasters have tugged at many people's hearts and led to unprecedented levels of donations to help survivors. Donations for the Southeast Asia tsunami exceeded \$1.3 billion. Support for Katrina now exceeds \$1.7 billion. Organizations are just starting to raise money for the recent earthquake victims.

This great generosity however, is really starting to hurt local non-profits such as SAVE, our local domestic violence shelter. Rodney Clark, SAVE's Executive Director. reports that the normal flow of donations has dried up dramatically. People and companies have graciously opened their wallets to help survivors of the national and international emergencies but the unfortunate result is that they have little left to give to the local organizations. When you combine the reduction in revenue with the added load of supporting the many Katrina survivors who have moved to the Bay Area, organizations are being forced to make

Organizations get funding from several different sources, grants from Federal and state government along with county and city funding. Ever since 9/11, government grants have either been eliminated or reduced in size. California's budget problems have reduced state funds and indirectly cut the funding from both the county and cities. The balance of the funding comes from corporate donations and individual contributions. Corporate funding was devastated by the dot-com downturn and has yet to recover. Now the last pillar of funding is being cut due to the natural disasters.

"The eroding funding over the last several years has cut into our ability to provide quality services," Rodney Clark shared. "Our aim is to provide victims with the resources to get them on their feet. We now have to decide between turning victims away or simply patching them up and letting them return to the batterer." SAVE has had to cut over 20% of its staff. This has limited their ability in provid-

ing the counseling and other rehabilitation services which help victims get back on their feet, outside the dangerous relationship. Mr. Clark added "We now have no

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choice but to turn some mothers and their children away."

I was personally surprised to find the highly interlinked relationships between the various non-profit organizations. When SAVE runs out of space at its shelter, it tries to help by referring victims to other shelters, including homeless shelters in the Bay Area. At the moment, many of these organizations are trying to help Katrina refugees. It's a sad fact that the much needed services provided by non-profits are in the most demand at the times when their economic support is at the lowest.

As the private donations shrink, the local effects will increase. Not only does this hurt the local victims, but indirectly hurts our local companies and the local economy.



The Future of Education **Public Policy Forum**

Featuring Speakers:

Doug Gephart, FUSD Superintendent Jeff Poe, FUDTA President Scott Plotkin, CSBA Executive Director

Friday, December 9, 2005

11:45 a.m. - Registration Noon - 2 p.m. - Main Program Fremont Marriott 46100 Landing Parkway, Fremont, CA 94539

California is facing an education crisis. California is one of the largest economies in the world, yet funding levels are some of the lowest in the nation. Class sizes are growing, while resources for students are decreasing. In recent years, Proposition 98 funding has been reduced, with even greater potential impacts to the education system riding on the outcome of Proposition 76, the "Live Within our Means Act", a centerpiece of the November 8, 2005 Special Election. To address these issues and inform people about the direction of our educational system, the Chamber will be hosting "The Future of Education". Don't miss this chance to learn more about the future of education on December 9, 2005. Panelists will give opening remarks, followed by a question and answer period with the audience. Lunch is included.

Register by phone: 510/795-2244 or register online at www.fremontbusiness.com



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- Ambassadors Club Meeting 8 a.m., Chamber Conference Room

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Communications/Web Site Team Meeting 1:30 p.m., Chamber Conference Room

FCCTV November Show "" Premieres 8:30 p.m., Fremont Cable Channel 29

Election Day

Fremont City Council Meeting 7 p.m., City Council Chambers

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 a.m., Chamber Conference Room
- 11 Veteran's Day Chamber Office Closed
- 15 Newsletter Deadline

Government Affairs Committee Meeting 7:30 a.m., Chamber Conference Room

Fremont City Council Work Session Time TBD, City Council Chambers

16 Connection Club Leaders Meeting 8 a.m., Chamber Conference Room

Member Briefing

11:45 a.m., Chamber Conference Room

Fremont Flowers & Gifts Mixer 5-7 p.m.

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- 17 Leadership Fremont, Class of 2006 Session 8:30 a.m., City Hall, Ardenwood Room
- 21 Communications/Web Site Team Meeting 1:30 p.m., Chamber Conference Room
- 22 Leadership Steering Committee Meeting 8 a.m., Chamber Conference Room

Fremont City Council Special Work Session 5:15 p.m., City Council Chambers

Fremont City Council Meeting 7 p.m., City Council Chambers

- 24 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- -25 Chamber Office Closed
- **Toys for Tots Drive Begins** Drop Point: Chamber Office

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To visit a Connection Club, please call the Chair or Vice Chair to reserve your space.

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Are you fully utilizing your Chamber benefits? Do you remember all the benefits and services the Chamber has to offer? When you first joined the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, chances are you just started at a new business and were overwhelmed with many details, or perhaps you had an ongoing business and were deep in the trenches with day-to-day operations. Whatever the circumstances, you are most probably loaded with work and all kinds of things to fill your mind.

Understandably new members, and some not so new members, lose track of the many services and benefits available to you as a Chamber member. Our job at the Chamber is to remind you of those services and benefits and help you to apply those to your business to assure long-term success.

Bi-monthly, the Fremont Chamber of Commerce hosts an hour-long Member Briefing filled with a review of membership benefits and services, including tips on how to make the most of your investment in this nationally accredited business organization. Some of the topics covered include membership benefits, professional development, various levels of participation, methods of publicity and exposure, how to network, plus a glimpse into the history of the Chamber and the City of Fremont.

In addition to meeting Chamber

Ambassadors, Chamber staff, SCORE representatives, and Connection Club members, there is time allotted before and after the briefing for networking. It's a perfect opportunity to get to know your fellow Chamber members and learn how to maximize the return on your investment in the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.

If you need to become reacquainted with your membership benefits, please contact KK Kaneshiro at (510) 795-2244, ext. 101 or email kkaneshiro@fremontbusiness.com to join us for the Member Briefing Brown Bag Luncheon is scheduled for November 16, 2005. We hope to see you there.

Member News

Pump It Up Hosts Katrina Fundraiser

Pump It Up of Union City held an 8hour Katrina Fundraiser on October 13th. While children frolicked and bounced on inflatables, parents were treated to complimentary pizza, donuts and sodas. The fun continued with children spinning a prize wheel and winning a Pump It Up t-shirt, hat or goodie bag while a clown passed out balloons. Parents also had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance of winning prizes donated by local businesses. Pump It Up staff donated their salaries for the day to the fundraiser, and Pump It Up donated \$25 for each party booked that day. At the end of the day, Pump It Up and guests raised \$1,420 for Katrina relief.

LOV Kicks-off the Holidays with Boutique

The League of Volunteers (LOV) will host its annual Holiday Boutique and Craft Show on November 12, 2005 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at 36120 Ruschin Drive, Newark. Lots of great holiday gifts, cards, wrapping paper all at fabulous prices. For more information call 510-793-5683 or visit www.lov.org.

Chamber Members to Receive Honors

On November 16, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, the Alameda County Green Business program and the Sustainable Business Alliance will honor local businesses whose environmental excellence has earned them certification as a Bay Area Green Business. *Kate's Caring Gifts* and *Ohlone College*, both Chamber members are among those to be honored. Through their conservation of water and energy, waste re-

duction and recycling efforts, and pollution prevention practices, they have demonstrated an active and ongoing commitment as environmental leaders. Congratulations to these members. For more information on certification or a directory of Green Businesses, contact Pamela Evans at 510-567-6770 or visit www.greenbiz.ca.gov.

LOV Hosts 17th Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal Program

The League of Volunteers (LOV) will serve up a Thanksgiving meal on November 24th from Noon-3:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue in Newark and is free to all. Entertainment will be available to take home. Dinner will also be available for delivery to those who are homebound, or rides to the dinner will be provided. For more information call 510-793-5683 or visit www.lov.org.







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Kidango—

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ongoing discussions and look at other models of relationship based service delivery and supervision, framing research around the question "What does this look like for Kidango?"

"One of the issues that grew out of our discussions included how do we investigate problems? There is a difference between blaming and viewing the situation as an opportunity to learn and change," said Miller. "Through honest reflective discussion, we have an opportunity to create better systems and processes, and deliver better service to children and families."

Research resulted in a presentation Miller gave to the Board of Directors in July 2004, which included the following principles:

- Communication In a relationshipbased organization, openness, honesty, and trust are highly valued. Effective and direct conflict resolution is supported. Communication is top-down, bottom-up and lateral.
- Leadership Leaders are credible,

caring and compassionate. Leaders model relationship-based practices. Leaders are visionary and inspiring.

- Supervision The organization is committed to the growth and development of each employee. Employees are provided with tools and time to develop their performance. Supervisor recognize that relationships are central to all employees' success. Reflective supervision is practiced.
- Employees are encouraged to solve problems. Employees are supported in innovation and risk taking. Individuality and independence is valued.
- Team Work Employees are encouraged to work across departments to solve problems. Employees at all levels of the organization are seen as contributors to planning and agency development. Employees understand and work towards the overall goals of the organization as well as their particular job goals.
- Staffing and Employee Development Employees are hired and trained for relational competence Employees are seen as individuals. Employees are seen as influenced by and influencing

their work environment. Accountability and reward are related to the overall agency goals as well as specific job performance goals.

Asked if Kidango has been successful in making this moved to relationshipbased reflective supervision, Miller is enthusiastic. "We think we have made great progress in our culture shift," he said. "Teamwork is thriving and employees seem happier

and healthier, less inclined to hide mistakes, more willing to actively problem solve with one another. Everyone at Kidango is deeply committed to its mission, which is to serve children and families. Increased communication and enthusiasm has resulted in a Sunshine Committee to celebrate milestones, an Advocacy Committee to identify and work on issues, and a staff newsletter. All of this means that our families and children will receive the best possible care in our centers and programs; and our community partner-



members from the admin office visit centers often

ships will be stronger and more effective."

Robin Michel, former FCOC director of marketing, launched the Fremont Business Review in 2000. Now working for the executive director of the Bay Area's leading non-profit early care and education provide, Michel says, "I wanted to work for Kidango because I have long admired how this non profit operates on a strong business model without ever losing sight of its commitment to children and community."

Monthly Visits to the Chamber Website

www.fremontbusiness.com

9,601

Total number of visits during the month of September 2005

10,264.875

Average # of visits per month (2005)

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Non-Profit Organizations —

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What's Lov Got To Do With It?

In the Tri-Cities, LOV has a lot to do with it through its many programs that serve children, seniors, and those in need for the past 26 years.

In the aftermath of Proposition 13, when both the city and the local school district were forced to slash a number of services, a trio of local people, Shirley Sisk, Gene Baranowski and Dr. Joe Roberts, hoped that volunteers would fill the gap left by the cuts and be able to assist in providing some services to the community. To that end, the League of Volunteers - Newark was founded in 1972 to promote volunteerism and meet community needs.

When the City of Newark managed to re-open the boarded-up Community Center, it also gave LOV a CETA funded job slot which enabled LOV to have its first Executive Director, Ann Joly. Housed in a small room of the community center, the volunteer board donated pencils, pens, paper, a filing cabinet - and LOV's volunteers assisted in their first program - dog licensing. Though the initial philosophy was to be a clearing house for volunteers and volunteer service needs, it soon became apparent that when possible, LOV should initiate programs to meet those needs.

The first program operated by LOV was free summer recreation in the parks which has just completed its 24th season. Over the years, LOV's outreach has expanded to cover the entire Tri City community and beyond. The Board, realizing the scope of LOV's service, adopted the name The League of Volunteers - LOV, with the motto serving Fremont, Newark and Union City. And in 1989, Shirley Sisk became Executive Director following the retirement of Ann Joly

Over the years, LOV's programs have expanded. Now the free summer recreation is in two parks and includes lunch, a teen program, Y.E.S! - Youth Encouraged to Serve, is in its 10th year, the Newark Arts Council was formed and is starting its 17th season of concerts. Responding to the state's budget cuts in 1993, LOV developed the Arts in Schools program, bringing assemblies to Fremont, Newark and Union City children. 2006 will mark the 17th year for the Thanksgiving Day Feast where last year 4,351 meals were served at LOV's Center and to the homebound in the Tri Cities as well as Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Castro Valley. It will also be the 12th year for LOV to be the official U.S. Marine Corps Toys 4 Tots collection and distribution center, providing agencies in the Tri Cities with toys for their client/children.

Today, LOV operates approximately 30 service programs and has three full time staff members, Executive Director Shirley Sisk, Assistant Executive Director Harold Colon and Program Director Joanne Paletta. The

possible with out the dedication of volunteers. Last year 770 volunteers donated 31,285 hours of service to the community and has achieved LOV's original goal - to be a catalyst for volunteerism.

By the time you receive this newsletter, LOV will have moved to its sixth location with main offices at the former Ruschin School in Newark. The ultimate goal has still not been met, for LOV to have a building of its own, and the vision for an umbrella Community Resource Center where service agencies have space, services and volunteers for their various programs. It is hoped that some day this vision will become a reality for the Tri City

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Boy scouts from the Mission Peak district help put up the food booth signs at the 2005 Fremont Festival of the Arts

Non-Profits Raise Funds at the Festival of the Arts

Food Service is one of the areas at the Festival of the Arts that is dedicated solely to non-profits as a fundraising activity. Through proceeds from their food sales, non-profit organizations raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for their organizations who use the funds to send kids to camp, purchase new uniforms, conduct scientific research, and provide children's programs and social services. Nearly all participating non-profit organizations say the Festival is one of their major fundraisers conducted during the year.

American Business Women's Association American High School Grad Nite

Boy Scout Troop 110 California School of the Deaf Centerville Lions Club Centerville National Little League Citizens for Better Community Daughters of the American Revolution

Dawn Breakers Lions Club Festival of India

Fremont American Little League Fremont National Youth Baseball Fremont Rainbow Girls Fremont Rotary Club Furry Friends Rescue Irvington Business Association Irvington High School

Advanced Drama Job's Daughters Bethel 253 Kiwanis Club of Fremont Knights of Columbus - Council 2692 Leadership Fremont League of Volunteers Milpitas Host Lions Club Mission SJ High Girls Softball MSJ Spirit Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum NorCal Tsunami

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Our Lady of Guadalupe School Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Rotary Club of Fremont Sunrise Rotary Club of Mission San Jose South Bay Chinese Service Club St. Joseph School Stage 1 Theatre Tri-City Ecology Center

Тор Linking the Business Community

The Top of the Week Report is a weekly digest of important Chamber events, local news, government updates, and Fremont's companies making news. Just send an email message to nbatalao@fremont business.com, with "SUBSCRIBE" (all caps, no quotes) in the subject line. You will receive a confirmation notice immediately and instructions for unsubscribing.

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Each month features community events around the Tri-city area (Fremont, Neuark, Union City) along with event contact info.

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FCCTV:

Fremont Chamber of Commerce Television

Non-Profit Donations

Choosing a Worthy Organization

As a nation, we continue to reel from a number of natural disasters that has rocked our country and world. Many non-profit organizations have reached out for help in the recovery effort. Human nature tells us to respond generously to help others in need. And while we all want to follow that natural instinct during times of distress, we must also be aware of those who use disasters to take advantage of human kindness with fraudulent organiza-

tions who call themselves charitable non-profits. During November's FCCTV "Non-Profit Donations: Choosing a Worthy Organization" KK Kaneshiro, director of member services and host of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce television show (FCCTV) interviews Renee Brown with LTL Financial who gives common sense tips to help you determine whether you're donating to a legitimate organization.

Traffic—

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Interchange and receive the money from the excess Caltrans land sale. In all likelihood, Caltrans will not support a LATIP for the Mission Boulevard/1-880 Interchange if a consensus is not reached on Route 84 and will use its influence with the CTC to get the CTC to deny the LATIP.

If all parties involved sign the MOU, ACTA will have to conduct a new environmental study, including traffic flow analysis and noise pollution mitigation analysis. This process will take time and money to complete, a process that ACTA is probably willing to undertake as long as the Fremont Council can assure that if the environmental work and design work is satisfactory, the Fremont Council will support Option 2. Basically, ACTA and Caltrans will not want to go through the time and effort of doing the environmental and design work if Fremont will not support the project.

There are few people that doubt the need for traffic relief projects in north Fremont. Traffic analysis shows that if nothing is done to the area, traffic ratings over the next 25 years will receive "F" ratings, meaning significant wait times and congestion. Caltrans recognized this area as a high priority for improvements and has shown that

through its determination in getting Route 84 built in some fashion. The ACTA Board has recognized this area as a high priority and has determined that even if Option 2 of Route 84 does not get built, it will still dedicate millions of dollars to the area to relieve traffic. The city of Fremont has determined that this area a high priority and has planned to spend \$27 million of its own limited resources to improve the intersection of Decoto Road and Paseo Padre Parkway.

From our perspective, we want to see a MOU developed to build option 2, given the following conditions:

- 1. Fremont can reject Option 2 if the environmental work that is required before the project can be built is unsatisfactory for lack of mitigation (environmental or otherwise) or lack for traffic relief
- 2. Caltrans supports a (LATIP) that will fully fund the Mission Boulevard/I-880 Interchange, which has a current price tag of \$42.4 million.
- **3.** Existing Route 84 is brought up to a state of good condition or better by Caltrans prior to relinquishment.

We also fully support the passage of AB 1462, which was signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on October 6 and applaud Assemblymember Alberto Torrico and Senator Liz Figueroa for passing this legislation.

FCCTV Times & Channels

Fremont-

Ch 29 Mon 8:30 p.m. Ch 26 Mon 7:30 p.m.

Newark-

Ch 27 Fri 5 p.m.

Alameda-

Ch 28 Sat 3:30 p.m. Sun 8:30 p.m

Union City-

Ch 15 Thu 10 p.m. Sat 3:30 p.m. Sun 8:30 p.m.

Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and

Castro Valley-Ch 28 Thu 10 p.m.

Sat 3:30 p.m. Sun 8:30 p.m.

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The Fremont Chamber has said that it will support an east/west project in North Fremont that: 1) sufficiently relieves traffic congestion in the region; 2) does not create negative traffic impacts within Fremont; and 3) will have a positive impact on the businesses in the immediate area and throughout the region

We think Option 2 can meet our criteria and deserves the chance to move forward. The time has come for all of the parties involved to come together, work out an agreement to build Option 2 and bring the traffic relief in north Fremont that has been so desperately needed.

Legislative Priority Update!

The Fremont Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it has completed Legislative Priority: Transportation. Legislative Priority: Transportation is the first Legislative Priority completed by the Chamber. It describes the Chamber's basic stance on transportation issues such as focusing on maintenance, support for Proposition 42 money, etc as well as listing specific priority projects that the Chamber SUPPORTS, beginning with the Interstate 880/Mission Boulevard Interchange.

The purpose of establishing Legislative Priorities is two-fold. First, the Chamber will use Legislative Priori-



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Registration deadline: Friday, October 14, 2005

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ties as an internal guide with the goal of creating clear, concise, and directed positions and actions concerning public policy issue. Second, establishing Legislative Priorities will allow the Chamber to work closely with stakeholders, focusing on the areas of common interest while working through and discussing any areas of disagreement. The Chamber will be releasing Legislative Priorities on other topics, like housing and land use, when complete

To read Legislative Priority: Transportation, visit our website at www.fremontbusiness.com.

For more information on this issue or any other policy issue impacting Fremont businesses, contact Billy Sandbrink, director of government affairs, at (510) 795-2244 x107 or bsandbrink@fremontbusiness.com.

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Diversity—

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as a treat to the members. Alongside the roast beef, however, you might find sticky rice to keep those with an Asian appetite happy and full. For Buddhist members who don't eat meat, our dietary staff creates a special meal that honors their needs. In late winter we also celebrate Three Kings Day, a Latino holiday, and Kwanza, an African-American holiday about community.

Cultural diversity doesn't simply mean ethnic diversity and flexibility; it is the key to honoring values. At Easter, some of the eight centers celebrate in a more secular way, because who doesn't get excited looking for Easter eggs and enjoy the company of a talking bunny? At the Fremont Center, however, where 60 members are Catholic Sisters, Easter celebration has a strong

religious focus.

Being creative, flexible and inclusive is important to a community-based agency's success. But in today's multicultural environment, it also is critical to recognize the distinctive values and traditions of your agency's members and staff. The richness within your midst gives you special opportunities to honor people and increase understanding of different