



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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Redwood City, CA
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September 25, 2025

7:00pm

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.

The North Fair Oaks Community Council was held in person at the Fair Oaks Community Center (2600 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City) and by teleconference using Zoom:

<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/92380736093> It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety and shows each agenda item here: [YouTube Video](#)

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council members: Chair Prado, Parisi, Daly, Whitney, Rodriguez, Vice-Chair Saman, and Aponte

Absent:

Esser and Orozco

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person Comments:

Mike Morris

Comments via Zoom:

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3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Council member Brooks Esser/ Second: Council member Blair Whitney

Yes: 7 – Vice Chair Saman, Parisi, Whitney, Daly, Aponte, Chair Prado, and Rodriguez

No: 0

Absent: Councilmembers Esser and Orozco

Agenda is approved.

4. Presentation: Know Your Rights Presentation

Speaker:

Corie Garcia, Immigrant Services Team from the Office of Community Affairs

- **What is Know Your Rights?**
 - The right to remain **silent**
 - The right to be free of **unreasonable searches**
 - The right to **refuse to sign documents** without first speaking to a lawyer
 - The right to **speak to a lawyer**
- **Key Resource: Rapid Response Hotline**
 - Counting misinformation and dispelling rumors
 - Accompaniment to immigration court and check ins
 - Urgent legal support for families impacted by immigration enforcement
- **Exercising Your Rights.... At home:**
 - **Stay calm.** You have the right to remain silent – you don't need to answer any questions.
 - You have the right to **be free from unreasonable searches.** You don't need to open the door or respond to anyone.
 - You can call the **Rapid Response Hotline** for immediate assistance and if necessary, attorney assistance.
 - **Family preparedness plans are available from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.**

Council member questions/comments:

- Where are the resources located?
- How have the Red Cards been distributed?
- What would happen if someone called the San Mateo County Sheriff's non-emergency line with an immigration concern?
- Do you hold workshops or session that educate people of situations?

In-person Public Comments:

None

Public Comments via zoom:

None

5. Presentation: Magnolia at Redwood multifamily housing project located at 2809 El Camino Real and Dumbarton in North Fair Oaks.

Speakers:

Janae Gaines and Daisy Madrigal from Alta Housing

- **Project Description/Information:**
 - On El Camino Real and Dumbarton
 - Magnolia – provides 51 units of affordable housing for seniors
 - 25% of the units are extremely low-income households
 - On site parking
 - Funding already committed: (\$983k -County of San Mateo, 1m – Senator Josh Becker)
 - Will apply for more additional funds in 2026
- **Alta Housing Resident Services:**
 - 20+ years of on-site services in family, seniors, and SRO housing.
 - Counseling & Housing Retention – 1 on 1 support, referrals, weekly office hours.
 - Community Building – events, leadership opportunities.
 - Education and Social Services – ESL, computer literacy, financial literacy, job coaching, wellness, food security, scholarships.
- **Alta Housing Property Management:**
 - Managing Properties: 29 (including 3rd party owner)
 - Waitlist Management- annual update
 - Onsite maintenance- property and unit maintenance
 - Onsite Property Manager
- **Project Timeline:**
 - Finalizing + Permitting (County funding and 2026 -2027)

Council member questions/comments:

- How effective is it adding more lanes to the freeway?
- How does equity priority benefit to getting ahead of specific projects?
- Do environmental concerns come up?
- Do you guys have a lot to do with bike lanes?
- Did you reach out to local schools, META, or Stanford with the congestion of 101 freeway? What is the end goal?

In-Public Comments:

None

Public Comment via zoom:

None

6. Presentation: Middlefield Junction multifamily housing project update located at 2700 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.

Speaker:

Elaine Palacios from Mercy Housing

- The development will provide 179 units across two buildings, including 20 for former homeless residents, with a mix of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom layouts.

- Building A is finished (as of September 2025), Building B is 78% complete with full completion anticipated in early 2026.
- Applications for housing far exceeded supply, receiving over 2,000 for 179 units; residents are chosen by lottery, with 79% of applicants from Redwood City and 3% from North Fair Oaks.
- The property features on-site amenities including a childcare center, community rooms freely available to residents, outdoor gardens, and public art by a local muralist.
- Residents receive five years of free transit (Clipper) cards; parking is limited and distributed annually by lottery.
- The project emphasizes strong community partnership, incorporating service coordination, property management, and spaces for local gatherings and programs.
- Would you like a similar summary for the Alta Housing or Know Your Rights presentations?

Council member questions/comments:

- What are the parking needs of the applicants?
- Are applicants still being accepted?
- What percentage of the applicants are from NFO?
- What is the breakdown of the room sizes of studios, 1- & 2-bedrooms places.
- Where are the construction workers parking during work hours?
- Thankful for Mercy Housing and their hard work

In-person public comments:

None

Public comment via zoom:

None

7. Report Out:

District 4: Joshua Caspillan

County Attorney: Brian Petit

Council Members: Council Member Aponte and Chair Prado

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.