North Fair Oaks Community Council
A Municipal Advisory Council to the
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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October 22, 2026 **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/85697414530 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, Vice Chair Aponte, Whitney, Parisi, Daly, Saman.

Absent:

Council member Orozco and Esser

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person Comments:
Jose Navarrow
Kerry Chan
Keith Miller
Angie Tharna

Comments via Zoom:
Gabriela Valencia
Laura
Ever Rodriguez

3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion: Council member Kelly Parisi / Second: Council member Kathleen Daly

Yes: 6 – Chair Prado, Vice Chair Aponte, Daly, Parisi, and Saman

No: 0

Absent: 3 – Councilmember Esser and Orozco

Agenda is approved.

4. Presentation: Traffic Enforcement in North Oaks Update.

Speaker:
Captain Brandon Hensel, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

- The Sheriff's Office issued over 10,000 parking citations from January through September.
- The most common issue was parking during restricted hours, including street-sweeping times.
- Other frequent violations included parking near crosswalks, fire hydrants, and on sidewalks.
- Officers said they balance parking enforcement with broader public-safety duties.
- Abandoned vehicles generally require a 72-hour tagging process before they can be towed.
- Residents raised concerns about repeat offenders, RVs, and businesses using neighborhood streets to store vehicles.
- County staff said a work group would begin in November to identify ordinance changes and improve enforcement.

Council member questions/comments:

- **Recognized the Sheriff's Office's work** and thanked the captain and community service officer for their efforts and responsiveness.
- **Asked what rule changes could address repeat parking problems**, including RVs and businesses using neighborhood streets to store vehicles. A council member requested a written list of recommended changes from the officer.
- **Emphasized the county's role alongside enforcement:** suggested clearer parking guidance, painted red curbs, designated spaces, and attention to streets residents repeatedly identify as problem areas.
- **Raised concerns about weekend enforcement** and asked that front license plate requirements be enforced consistently.
- **Asked how residents should report abandoned vehicles** and whether an in-person reporting form could be available.
- **Asked about plans for marking daylighting zones** and educating residents, especially newcomers—about the rules. Members also suggested outreach through banners and electronic signs.
- **Noted that some reported problem areas weren't among the top citation locations** and suggested reviewing those areas.
- **Requested a future discussion of traffic enforcement**, including speeding; the Sheriff's Office said the California Highway Patrol has primary responsibility in unincorporated areas.

In-person Public Comments:
Debra F.
Guido F.

Kerry Chan
Eric Acosta

Public Comments via zoom:
Gabriela Valencia

5. Presentation: Proposition NFO Library Annual Report 2025-2026

Speaker:

Gina Feil, San Mateo County Libraries

- **Community-focused goals**: The library's five-year strategic plan was shaped by community input. Its goals—**Listen, Connect, Discover, and Engage**—aim to make services more responsive, strengthen partnerships, and expand access.
- **Cultural programs and language access:** The library welcomed **13,220 participants to 550 cultural programs and added over 20,000 world-language materials**, helping people find programs and books that reflect their cultures and languages.
- **Programs for older adults:** The library delivered **over 1,230 programs for older adults.** One example was the return of popular **55+ field trips**, including a free trip to Alcatraz with transportation provided.
- **Youth literacy**: Through its summer partnership with Big Lift, **82% of participating students maintained or improved their literacy skills.**
- **Adult literacy support**: Tutors held **over 4,250 sessions** and volunteered over **6,370 hours,** providing adults with one-on-one tutoring and learning groups for reading, writing, and language skills.
- **Library use and access:** Across the county library system, there were 1.8 million visits and 4.6 million **Wi-Fi sessions.** The presentation also highlighted the North Fair Oaks branch's local outreach and increased digital downloads.
- **North Fair Oaks branch updates:** A new family restroom opened, and the manager said a refresh with new carpet, electrical work, and painting was planned. Council members and a resident also emphasized that the branch is well used and that the community needs a larger library.
- North Fair Oaks.

Council member questions/comments:

- **Praised the library's community role**, calling it busy, welcoming, and an important source of access and equity; encouraged people to visit.
- **Thanked library staff** for their work at the branch and community events.
- **Expressed hope for a larger library** to better serve the community.
- **Asked about construction:** the manager said a family restroom had opened and that new carpet, electrical work, and painting were planned.

In-Public Comments:

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Public Comment via zoom:

Gabriela Valencia

6. Report Out:

- **District 4:** Travis Dunn
- **County Executive's Office:** Nicholas Calderon
- **Council Member's Report:** Daly and Aponte

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.