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Seeking Position of: Fremont City Council
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1. If elected, what are your top priorities during your term? What would you like to accomplish and how would you go about doing so? Please be specific.

Here are my top five issues:

- 1) Jobs/Economy
- 2) Housing
- 3) City Services
- 4) Public Safety
- 5) Education

For Fremont to thrive, we need to keep and create local jobs. We've had some successes. From large companies like Solyndra and Tesla to small businesses like the bio tech firm, AnaSpec, where I recently launched my campaign, jobs have grown or stayed in our community.

But we need to do more. I know from talking and working with constituents, when Fremont families can get good-paying, secure jobs, other issues improve as well – our housing market thrives, our schools get better, our city services improve and our neighborhoods become safer. That's why I'm running for re-election.

2. How have you in the past and how will you in the future use your position to expand the presence and influence of Asian Pacific Americans in public policy and politics?

First, I want to make sure that the Asian Pacific American community is adequately represented in Fremont's workforce and in local government. Also, I want Asian Pacific American firms, when appropriate, to bid on projects that the City Council's implements.

3. What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to and effectiveness in promoting Asian Pacific American interests in the following areas (and if you have not contributed in these areas, please discuss any area(s) in which you have made a contribution):

I've tried to help the Asian Pacific American community the same way I've helped all Fremont's residents, by being an effective Councilmember.

My commitment to the Asian Pacific American community goes back; in 1998 I worked to elect Jennifer Toy to the Union Sanitary District Board, becoming the first female Asian elected in the Tri-City area, and one of the youngest elected officials in the State. I also worked that year with a group of individuals to elect Anna Muh to the Fremont School Board. Fremont is a diverse City; my family represents the demographics of

Fremont as my children are a mix of my heritage and my wife's heritage (Chinese).

Being born and raised here, I have invested a lot in Fremont and know it well. It's clear to me from running my own small business, hearing from my clients as a CPA and listening to constituents as Councilmember, that to make Fremont a better place, we need to keep and create jobs.

I co-own Harrison Accounting Group, Inc., founded in 1948. The firm is the oldest accounting firm in Fremont (since 1954). So I've signed both sides of the paycheck and know what businesses need to create jobs. I also know what businesses need by working closely with clients to balance their books.

This professional experience and my work (mentioned earlier) with AnaSpec, Tesla and Solyndra have given me the tools to create jobs which should help the Asian Pacific American community.