

# State of Hawaii Office of Planning / TOD Council

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#### **Fremont Facts**

4<sup>th</sup> largest city in the Bay Area

Population – 231,000

90 square miles

Most startups per capita in the nation

Average HH income - \$114,684

98 languages spoken in Fremont homes



#### Fremont's Role in Silicon Valley

#### Part of the Technology Ecosystem



Fremont represents the "The Hardware Side of the Bay"

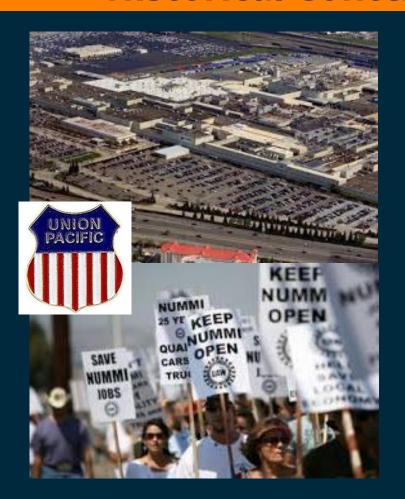
**BART TOD as Catalyst for Innovation and Identity** 



Warm Springs Innovation District: an Employment Focused "TOD"



#### **Historical Context**





**NUMMI Closure in** 2010

Solyndra Bankruptcy in 2011

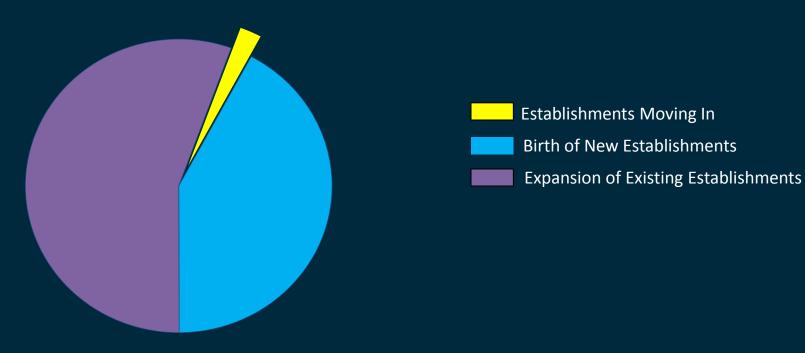
6,000 jobs lost

### Reflecting on the Journey

- 1. Know Environment/ Lead with Strengths
- 2. Embrace Innovation
- 3. Balance Housing and Jobs
- 4. Plan and Prioritize
- 5. Invest
- 6. Convene / Partner
- 7. Incubate and Activate
- 8. Build the Workforce Pipeline
- 9. Placemaking
- 10. Branding and Storytelling

#### The Environment for Bay Area Business Growth





Bay Area Council 2012 Bay Area Regional Economic Assessment Source:2010 National Employment Time Series (NETS) Database, calculations by Bay Area Council Economic Institute

#### **Business Expansion Success**







#### \$500+ Million Private Investment







#### **Industry Sector Focus - Tapping into our Strengths**

Advanced Manufacturing



Biotech / Medical Device

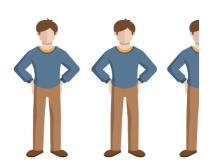


Clean Technology



#### **Advanced Industry Job Creation Ratio: 2.2-1**

# For Every 1 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING JOB



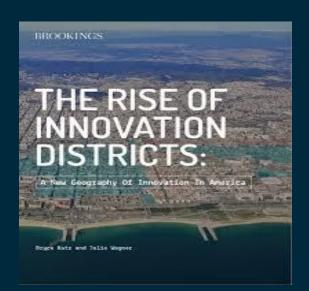
Another 2.2 JOBS Are Created

#### **Embracing Innovation**

In May 2014, the Brookings Institute\* released

## "The Rise of Innovation Districts: A New Geography of Innovation in America"

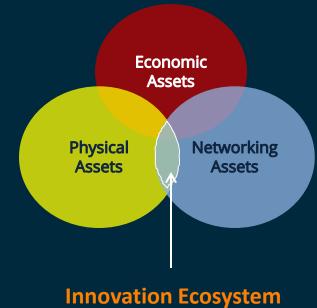
\*Based in Washington, D.C., and considered to be one of the most influential think tanks in the world, the Brookings Institute focuses on economics, metropolitan policy, governance, foreign policy, and global economy and development.



#### Innovation Districts vs. Office Parks

Authors Bruce Katz & Julie Wagner define Innovation Districts as:

Geographic areas where leading-edge companies, research institutions, startups, and business incubators cluster and **connect**. Physically compact, accessible by **public transit**, technically wired, the areas offer mixed-use housing, office, and retail amenities.

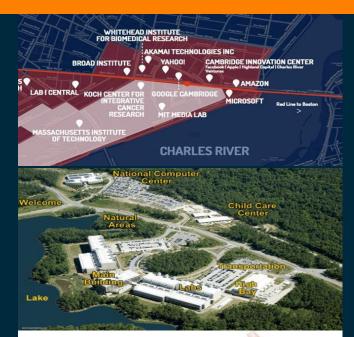


#### **Innovation District Models**

**Anchor Plus** 

**Urbanized Science Park** 

**Re-imagined Urban Area** 





#### **Who Delivers?**

- Mayors/Local Gov.
- Developers/Landlords
- Research Campuses
- Anchor Companies
- Advanced Research Institutions
- Medical Campuses
- Philanthropic Investors
- Incubators/Accelerators

#### **Why They Matter**

- Ties job growth to disruptive economic forces that leverage distinct economic positions. ("Convergence Economy")
- Empowers Entrepreneurs as key vehicle for economic growth ("Collaboration")
- Increases better and more accessible jobs ("Shared Prosperity")
- Reduces carbon emissions ("Sustainability")
- Raises revenues and repairs local balance sheets ("Economic Development 2.0")

#### **Lessons Learned So Far...**

- Labeling something "innovative" does not make it so...
- Importance of Place
- Importance of Intermediaries (accelerators & incubators)
- Importance of Inclusive Growth and Equitable Outcomes



#### **Catalytic Opportunity in Warm Springs for Balanced TOD**

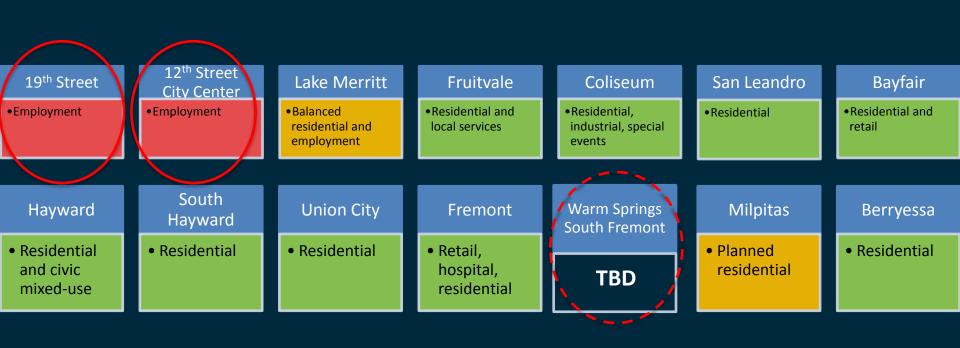




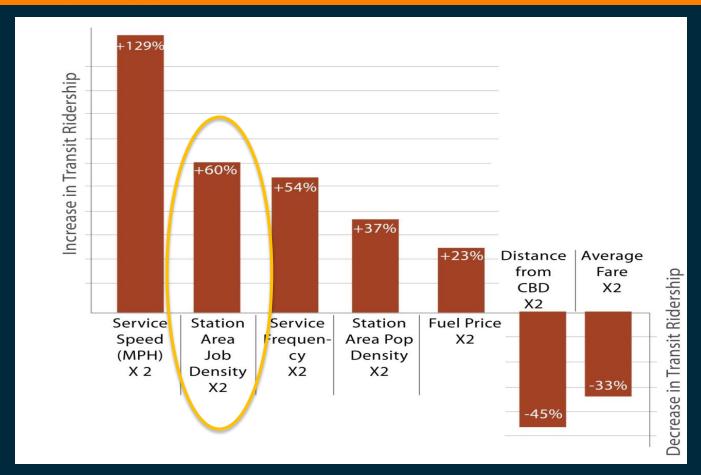
- Employment-focused transit connectivity
- Jobs / Housing Balance
- Strategic Urbanism / Density
- Urban Amenities
- Market-based

#### **BART TOD Land Use Over-emphasized Housing over Employment**

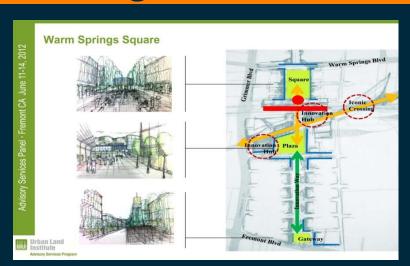
There is no BART-accessible employment district south of Downtown Oakland



#### **Job Density Supports Transit Use**



**Planning and Prioritization** 

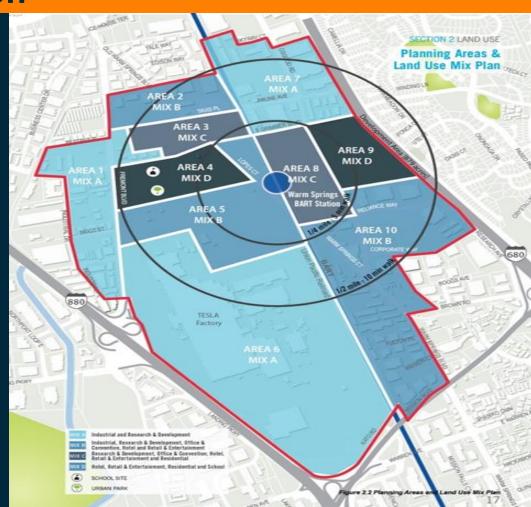


MIX A Industrial and Research & Development

MIX B Industrial, Research & Development, Office & Convention, Hotel and Retail & Entertainment

MIX C Research & Development, Office & Convention, Hotel, Retail & Entertainment and Residential

MIX D Hotel, Retail & Entertainment, Residential and School



#### **Public Investment and Partnership**



#### **Developer Investment in Warm Springs TOD**







- 4,000 Residential Units (524 affordable)
- 20,000 New Jobs
- 11M SF floor area; 4.6M commercial
- Development <u>Minimums</u> Required (not maximums)

#### **Tenant investment: Tesla Master Plan**

256-acre campus

4.6M SF of <u>additional</u> potential growth

3,000 <u>additional</u> local jobs

Capacity to produce 500,000 cars/year



#### **Convene and Partner**

































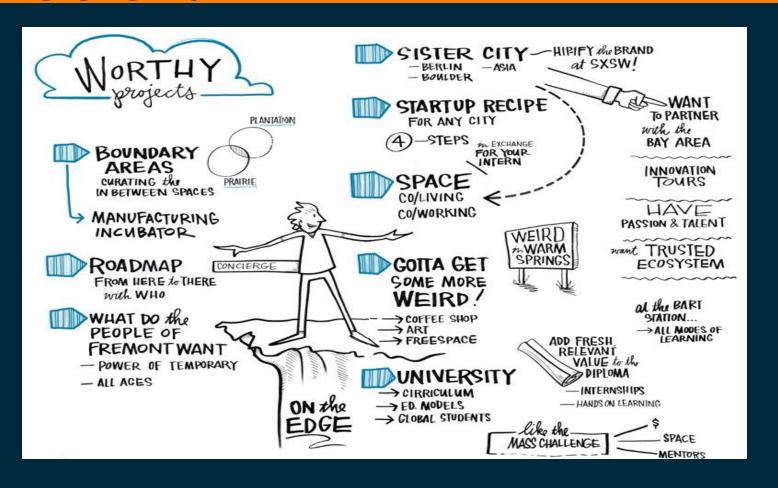








#### **Engaging Aspirational Stakeholders**



#### **Incubating Our Future**

- Startup Support
- Shared Spaces
- Small Scale Manufacturing (a.k.a. 'Makers')



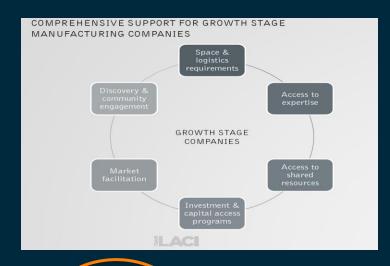


#### **Recast City Analysis:**

- Discover Local Gems
- Adjust Zoning Codes
- Partner w/ Owners & Brokers

#### Incubation and Acceleration - with a focus

- Center for Manufacturing Excellence
- Additional Higher Education
- Startup Support Infrastructure





#### **Building the Workforce Pipeline**



FUSE Fellowship - Partnership with Fremont Unified School District to develop K-12 "Maker Ed" curriculum

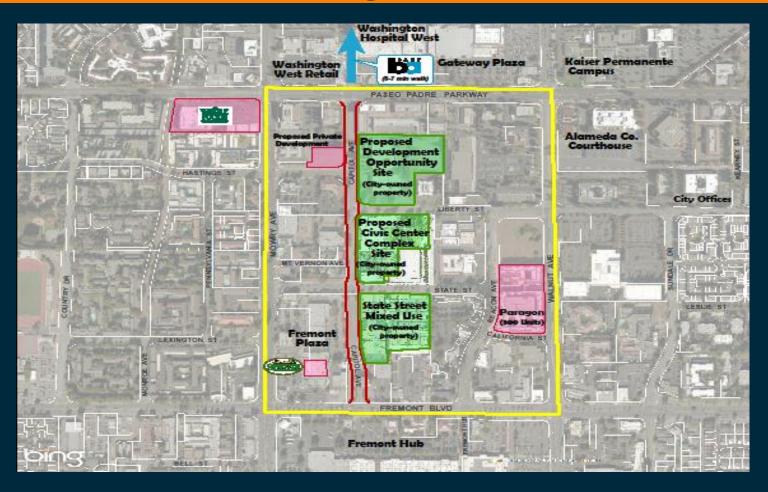








#### **TOD #2 - Civic Placemaking**



#### **Downtown Fremont: If we come, they will build it!**

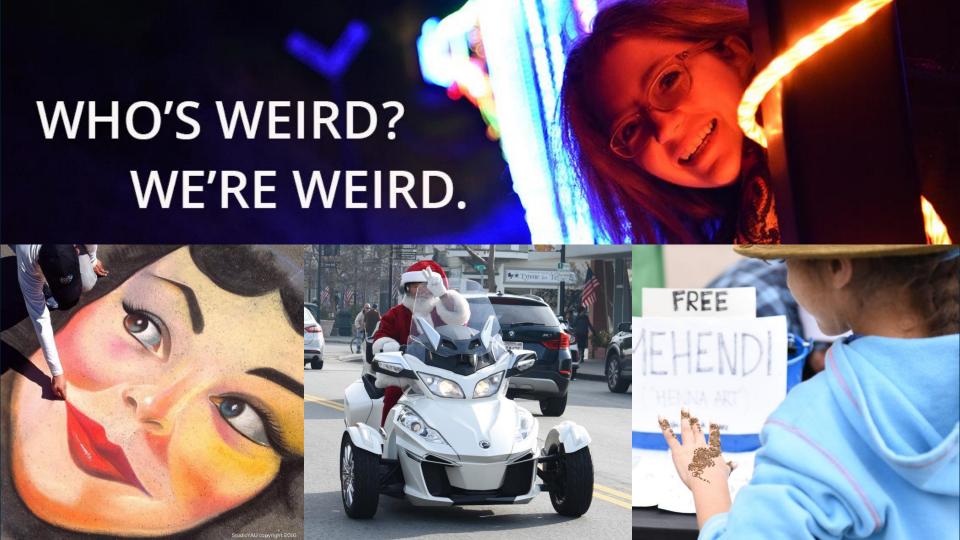












#### **Branding and Storytelling**

WHAT WE THINK (BLOG)











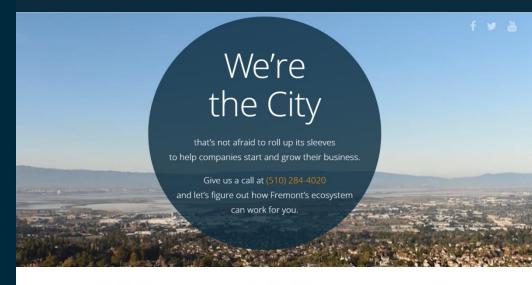


The Washington Post









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COMPANIES MAKE STUFF IN FREMONT 23%

JOBS IN MANUFACTURING **50**+

MILLION SQUARE FEET
OF OFFICE/R&D/INDUSTRIAL SPACE

9+

MILLION SQUARE FEET
OF COMMERCIAL SPACE
IN WARM SPRINGS INNOVATION DISTRICT

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FOR TECH STARTUPS
PER CAPITA IN THE COUNTRY
(SIZEUP.COM)

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