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 LEAF *December 2020 Newsletter*

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## Letter from the President

Dear LEAF members and supporters,

Thank you ever so much for your on-going support. These past ten years have been enormously rewarding, having had the privilege of participating in LEAF's growth. I've witnessed how much nonprofits give back to Fremont and I've enjoyed the collaborations that weave LEAF into the community.

Though I'll be leaving the board at the end of the year, our recruiting campaign has garnered a new board member, Richard Godfrey, who is no stranger to LEAF! More about Richard in the NEWS section below.

As part of our transition strategy, Elaine will assume the role of interim president and Mayank Malik will take over Elaine's role, becoming interim secretary. Irshad Rasheed will continue as treasurer and Jerry Kulmann as director.

I'm currently working with Eddie Turner, our Marketing Manager, to do some serious fundraising for our stellar new LEAF Center project beginning with a holiday campaign. More information about this in the next section. Be sure to check out the NEWS section as well for an opportunity to see me on TV!

Take care and be well through the holidays,

**Mia Mora** | LEAF President

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# LEAF Donations



Help support LEAF (Local Ecology & Agriculture Fremont).

## **LEAF Holiday Donation Drive!**

Today, LEAF is raising funds for one of our biggest projects ever—building a new and permanent LEAF Center at the California Nursery Historical Park. We've retained Yadav Design to layout the new site and design a rustic open-air shed for holding classes and community events, as well as an outdoor cooking area. We're so looking forward to having you join us for a BBQ! We're also adding a lath house that will commemorate the history of the park and a delightful arbor leading into the planter area. Your donation, big or small, will help us reach our goal of building this beautiful new facility.

Send us your donation today!  
[fremontleaf.org/donate](https://fremontleaf.org/donate)



As a gesture of thanks, we are awarding ten random participants who donate to LEAF during the month of December a gift package that will include our new LEAF T-shirt, a cotton tote bag sporting the LEAF logo, a voucher for \$50 off of a planter rental or renewal fee, and a very special limited edition hand-crafted dish (not pictured) created by LEAF's founder, Bruce Cates.

While these "thank you" gift packages will be earmarked for those who donate during the month of December, we encourage you to keep the donations coming in 2021!



Another way you can support LEAF is through Amazon Smile, which serves as a launch page for your Amazon shopping experience. You'll see the same

enormous catalog with items flagged as part of the Smile program. For every one of these items you purchase, Amazon will make a donation toward our mission at LEAF. Simply select Local Ecology & Agriculture Fremont as your donation target when you begin your holiday shopping at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Smile?ref=A_Smle_Banner).

We know we can count on you to help us continue to serve our community!

**Eddie Turner** | LEAF Marketing Manager



**Talkin' Dirt**  
**An Informative Gardening Chat**  
**Saturday December 12, 2020 9-10am PST**

Join UCCE Master Gardener Volunteers, Alameda County Guy Duran and Michele Young along with Elaine, LEAF C.R. Stone Garden Manager for another interactive virtual meeting as they answer your questions about gardening in December. Attendance is limited to 100 people, so join the meeting promptly at start time.

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/95547166934?pwd=TjYwUit5WWcvMXhJV3JwdkhjbHgrZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 955 4716 6934**Passcode:** 005112

### **City Council to Recognize Mia Mora... ON TV! December 8 at 7pm, Channel 27**

LEAF's president, Mia Mora, will be recognized by Fremont's City Council, for her years of volunteer service, in a ceremonial resolution. The meeting will be broadcasted live on Channel 27. This is the best method for attending since commendations don't typically have public comment. However, if you'd like to attend via Zoom, just go to [fremont.gov/agendacenter](https://fremont.gov/agendacenter) and click on the **Dec 8, 2020** session to join the virtual meeting.

### **LEAF Welcomes A New Board Member!**



The board is pleased to welcome back a previous board member. **Richard Godfrey** is now retired from Kaiser and Highland Hospital. His medical career was as a surgeon and he says he was not allowed to get his hands dirty! Half a century ago he worked in agriculture in Nepal and longs to return to the soil. He also works as a beekeeper, the Environmental Sustainability Commission for Fremont, and is on the board of Tri City Ecology Center. He's super excited to be part of LEAF again!

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## **LEAF Board of Directors**

Effective January 1, 2021

Elaine | Interim President  
Irshad Rasheed | Treasurer  
Mayank Malik | Interim Secretary  
Richard Godfrey | Director  
Jerry Kuhlmann | Director



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