Fremont honors local businesses for reducing waste, recycling

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During its Nov. 2 meeting, Fremont City Council honored several local businesses for employing methods to conserve energy and water and recycle.

- Patriot Memory was honored for reducing lead and mercury in their electronic equipment.

- Write Place, a communications service, was honored for producing “virtually no trash,” according to Alameda County green business coordinator Pam Evans. Write Place recycles and reuses anything possible, even office furniture, according to Evans.

- Best Graphic Image was recertified as a green business for diverting nine tons of waste from landfills by making changes in manufacturing.

- Eden Housing was recognized by the council for contributing more than $2 million in energy-efficient retrofits and upgrades to properties.

- DSL Printing and REI were also honored by the council.

Fremont adopts two national health initiatives

Fremont City Council voted Nov. 2 to adopt two national health initiatives, Let's Move! and H.E.A.L. (Healthy Eating Active Living), which aim to eliminate childhood obesity by promoting healthy choices.

Eric Alborg, representative from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, called childhood obesity an epidemic and claimed that one in three children are obese.

About $150 billion a year is spent on obesity-related treatments, he said.

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