

Foster City: My forever home

I have lived in Foster City for 15 years, which is my whole life and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else. Growing up in Foster City has been incredible. If you ask me what is one thing that makes Foster City special I wouldn't be able to answer because the reason Foster City is so special is the many small things. Like the beautiful lagoon, the numerous parks, and the people. My earliest memories are playing in the parks with my friends and going to storytime in the library. The summer camps and picnics in Leo J. Ryan Park. Going to dance and music class in the rec center, and going to the City Fest each year. One of my favorite recent memories was going to a drive by movie in the parking lot of the rec center. These things are small, but they are the best parts of my life. I went to Foster City elementary school, and Bowditch middle school. I loved walking to school, saying hi to my neighbors and friends. I love the community in Foster City and how most people know each other. How everyone is ready to help others. Something I noticed is that it doesn't matter where I go on vacation, whether it be Hawaii, Mexico, or Disneyland. While those places are very cool, I am always excited to come back home, and I am always thrilled when I see the *Welcome to Foster City* sign. During quarantine, my mom and I would go on a neighborhood walk everyday. We would smile at others through our masks, and take pictures of nature around us. I recently got a new puppy, and we take him out for walks on the levee. I love looking at the sunsets, the different birds, and the other dogs, he says hi to. In the future I hope that Foster City continues to be diverse and creates a safe and fun environment. In the coming years I would like to see fewer apartments and buildings being built because Foster City is so beautiful, and I feel like with a lot of buildings being built, it takes away some

of Foster City's natural beauty. I hope that Foster City continues to grow for generations to come, and continues to make wonderful memories for the people who live here.