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Santa Clara County Strengthens Open Government Policies

Board Approves Cortese's Measure to Enhance Transparency and Public Access

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors took a step forward today in strengthening the County's policies on open government. The County's current Open Government Ordinance was proposed by Cortese and approved by the Board in 2011.

Today, the Board approved Cortese's recommendations to improve this ordinance, including centrally handling Public Records Act requests for all County departments, agencies and offices; the creation of a position in the County Counsel's Office to oversee coordination of Public Records Act requests; and a complaints process for reports of violations to the Open Government Ordinance.

"The County currently does not have a centralized method to receive, track or process requests, with each department separately handling requests, making it difficult for the public to access records," said Supervisor Dave Cortese. "These amendments will ensure that members of the public have a streamlined vehicle to request and receive public records and that the public's trust in government remains high."

To read more about the amendments made to Santa Clara County's Open Government Ordinance, [click here](#). For more information, please call Supervisor Dave Cortese's Office at 408-299-5030.

