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New Look at Shelter in Place Rules

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Dear Friends,

As we enter a second Shelter in Place Order that will last through May, the public health officials are saying we need to keep following the Shelter in Place guidelines to protect ourselves and others from becoming infected with COVID-19. They are still saying that distancing and sheltering are the most successful tools we have until we get a vaccine and better tests.

But we also need to look at some of the restrictions that were initially made to see if they can be relaxed and we can still stay safe. I believe that can be done with certain jobs and construction projects that came to a halt on March 17.

Earlier this month, I convened an ad-hoc committee of leaders from the six Bay Area counties and the City of Berkeley that have Shelter in Place orders that are more restrictive than the state guidelines. We agreed that most of all construction work can be done with as much safety as public works projects, which are exempt from the order. There are other similar types of work that merit a new look.

I cannot tell health officials what to do but I've been as persuasive as possible.

I've heard from many of you that agree with this approach.

Not only is it fair, but it is necessary. Before coronavirus entered our community, we were, and still are, facing a housing crisis. We cannot pull back from our commitment to build housing when workers can do it safely, maintain physical distance and wear face coverings.

I am working hard to support this approach not just for the workers but for all of us. Our housing shortage and the needs of thousands of unsheltered residents won't go away as we focus on the current health crisis.

I am also continuing to call for sending health care workers, such as EMTs, to visit homeless camps and to provide testing for COVID-19, as well as to continue our efforts to find temporary housing and shelter for those who struggle to survive outside.

This week, County Public Health Officer Sara Cody will give us more information about the details of the new Shelter in Place Order. I will continue to keep you informed.

Diversity in Construction Contracting Webinar Tomorrow

Join me and the Minority
Business Consortium of
Silicon Valley for a webinar
regarding Construction

Minority Business Consortium Presents

Hundreds of Millions of Dollars
of Construction Contracts with the County of Santa Clara

"PREPARING TOGETHER"
Wednesday,
April 29, 2020
10:30 am - Noon

Diversity in Construction Contracting
WEBINAR

For more information contact Minority Business Consortium at info@minoritybusinessconsortium.com
<https://countysantaclara-constructioncontracts.eventbrite.com>

Contracts with the County of Santa Clara on Wednesday, April 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. We will discuss how to work with the County and the support available for small and local firms. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Wear Denim on April 29 to Mark Sexual Awareness Month

As we mark the end of Sexual Assault Awareness Month this week, help us honor survivors by participating in [Denim Day](#) on April 29. Denim Day is a day where we ask everyone to wear denim as a way to protest sexual violence and stand in solidarity with survivors. The campaign began in the 1990s after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the Justices felt that since the survivor was wearing tight jeans she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the survivor. Annually this day is recognized as a way to create awareness to gender-based violence. To learn more about resources available to survivors of violence, visit [this website](#).

Small Business Fairness – Sign the Petition

Small businesses are the lifeblood of every community and the core of our economic survival. Loans from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) have started to go out to businesses who will not be open for another 4-8 weeks. [Let's tell the Small Business Administration, and our Governor](#) to put a new guideline in place for these PPP loans--to allow the 8-week window to start when that business officially reopens. This will ensure that this very generous and helpful loan is used for the purpose intended...to put people back to work, and to help small businesses to reopen!

Coronavirus Update

As of April 28, 2020, there were 2,122 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 106 confirmed deaths in Santa Clara County, with 182 people in the hospital. Most of the cases, 1,409 are in San Jose. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](#).

Due Date Extended for Traffic Cases

While the hearing of cases in Santa Clara County Traffic Court are currently suspended, traffic cases with due dates or payment plans between March 17 and May 1, will be extended to July 6, 2020.

If a defendant has a delinquent traffic violation that has resulted in a hold placed on their driver's license, the Court will release the hold within 48 hours after the defendant signs up for a payment plan.

While the Traffic Courthouse facility is closed to the public during Shelter in Place, you can release a license hold by [paying online](#) or over the phone at 408-878-0098. For other court information, visit the Superior Court's [response website](#).

In the News

Did you get a chance to see recent coverage of our work in your local news? Check out the below links for some recent updates:

I was able to sit down with San Jose Inside to discuss my efforts to increase transparency in the information disclosed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read the story [here](#).

San Jose Spotlight: [Coronavirus: Bay Area's stay-home order will be extended through May](#)

An Update on PPE Donations from My Office

Thank you to our healthcare heroes who have shown leadership and courage in the face of unprecedented political and economic pressures.

To date, our office has been able to raise over \$13,000 for protective equipment for our county's healthcare workers. A special thank you to Girish Shah for his generous donation of \$5,000 for COVID-19 response. To support our frontline heroes fighting COVID-19, donate at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SCCHealthcareWorkers> or text "GiveSCC" to 243725. You can also call my Office at 408-299-5030 to make a donation.

Upcoming Town Halls Regarding COVID-19



Supervisor Dave Cortese hosts
WEEKLY COVID-19 TOWN HALLS
ON KSJX 1500AM MULTICULTURAL RADIO

SATURDAYS: APRIL 18, 2020
APRIL 25, 2020
MAY 02, 2020
7:00PM - 8:00PM PST

CALL IN AND ASK YOUR QUESTIONS:
1-408-914-0183

TEXT YOUR QUESTIONS:
1-408-480-7833



For more information:
Tara.Sreekrishnan@bos.sccgov.org / 408-299-5030

San Jose Community Radio

WEEKLY COVID-19 RADIO TOWN HALLS
w/ Supervisor Dave Cortese
KCXU 92.7 FM

Wednesday April 22, 2020
Wednesday April 29, 2020
Wednesday May 06, 2020
6:00 - 7:00pm PST

Call in and Ask Your Questions:
(408) 634-8086

Text Your Questions:
(408) 480-7833

Learn More: tara.sreekrishnan@bos.sccgov.org

Tune in to KSJX 1500AM Multicultural Radio Saturday, May 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. for a radio town hall on COVID-19. Call in to the station at 408-914-0183 to get your questions answered on air. You can also text my office at 408-480-7833 in case you aren't able to connect to the station. These Town Halls will be in English with a recorded Vietnamese translation available upon request.

You can also join my Weekly Radio Town Hall series on from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, focused on answering your questions about COVID-19 and what the County is doing to help residents. Tune in to KCXU 92.7 FM. Call the station at 408-634-8086 to get your questions answered on air. You can also text my office at 408-480-7833 in case you aren't able to have your call connected to the radio station. We will be sure to answer every question that is texted to us.

These town halls will be in English with a recorded Spanish translation available upon request. The radio station gets coverage in the following neighborhoods: Alviso, North San Jose, Alum Rock, Little Portugal, Japantown, Downtown, Little Italy, The Alameda, Rose Garden, Santana Row, Willow Glen, Little Saigon, Evergreen, and Naglee.

For those who want to participate who do not live in these neighborhoods, you can access the live stream of this show as well as the recorded show later at this link: <https://www.spreaker.com/show/santa-clara-county-radio-town-halls>.

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COVID - 19 TOWN HALL
with supervisor **Dave Cortese**

Dates: - April 25th, 2020 @ 3PM - 4PM
- May 2nd & 9th, 2020 @ 3PM - 4PM
- TV live on local Channel 24.5 KAAP
- Nationwide 104 UNO IPTV
- Livestream on social media: youtube.com/vietbaytv
facebook.com/vietbaytv
- Call in and ask your questions: 408.287.3587 or 408.292.2959
Text your questions: 408.480.7833

There has been a lot developing news about COVID - 19. We will inform you of some important updates to help you adjust to this difficult time. Learn more: tara.sreekrishnan@bos.sccgov.org
www.supervisorcortese.org

You can also join me on VietBay TV for an Online Town Hall that will be streaming on multiple platforms.

The live discussion will be streamed on Saturday, May 2, and Saturday May 9, from 3 to 4 p.m. at youtube.com/vietbaytvkaxt and facebook.com/vietbaytv.

Call in and ask your questions at 408-287-3587 or text my Office at 408-480-7833.

It's Not Too Late to Fill Out the Census

Data collected in the census is used for the appropriation of over \$675 billion in annual federal funding and apportionment for the House of Representatives. California has a large hard-to-count population that has historically been undercounted. Please complete your Census forms online at my2020census.gov or by toll-free phone call at 844-330-2020. The Santa Clara County Census Office has created a video that you can view on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com).

Thank you again for all you're doing to follow the Public Health guidelines, look out for one another and give generously to the local COVID-19 relief funds. As always, you can reach my office at 408-299-5030, email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org or visit the District 3 webpage at superisorcortese.org.

Stay safe,



Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District



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