Dear Friends,

Please join me as I chair a Special Hearing of the Finance and Government Operations Committee at 9:30 a.m. on June 16, 2020. County Departments will be joining me to discuss service delivery strategies as we move to safely reopen county services.

This hearing will provide information to residents about how the County’s departments are delivering services now and what they will need to respond to residents’ needs as more Shelter in Place restrictions are relaxed. The departments providing information include the Office of the County Executive, the Registrar of Voters, Planning and Development, Consumer and Environment Protection Agency and the Sheriff’s Office.

I want to hear from you, too. Please use this link to join the Zoom webinar to provide public comment during the meeting: https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/92407273968. You can also provide public comment over the phone by calling 408-638-0968 and providing the following Meeting ID: 924 0727 3968.

Click here to read the agenda. For questions, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Join the Campaign to Keep Vital Funding for County Services

This morning, I joined Supervisor Cindy Chavez and more than 280 community leaders to urge our Governor and State Legislature to oppose taking away $145 million in ERAF Excess funds from Santa Clara County.
These actions would result in a devastating financial blow to our County and its cities. Losing ERAF excess funds would threaten to collapse the safety net for more than 2 million people in the County that has helped the Bay Area lead the way during our current public health crisis.

Please make your voice heard and let the Legislature know how crucial these funds are to Santa Clara County by going here: [www.bit.ly/ERAFAdvocacy](http://www.bit.ly/ERAFAdvocacy).

**Supreme Court Decisions Are Victories for Human Rights**

Today, I applauded two decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled that it is illegal to discriminate against LGBTQ community members in the workplace, and the Court declined to hear a case against President Trump’s attempt to abolish California’s Sanctuary practices, letting a lower court decision stand.

The Supreme Court’s decision today is a major victory for the LGBTQ community and for human rights. We should all have the freedom to be who we are whether at home or at work. The decision for a person to transition is personal and courageous and needs to be strongly supported, especially in the workplace. This is a significant step forward toward assuring that transgender individuals also are not discriminated against in housing, healthcare, education and other rights provided in the U.S. Constitution.

The Court’s rejection of President Trump’s attempt to abolish California’s Sanctuary Laws is another victory for human rights. Santa Clara County has long upheld the rights of undocumented residents to due process in immigration cases. The Sheriff’s Department does not cooperate with federal immigration agents who do not have warrants for undocumented inmates being released from jail, and, by letting stand a lower court’s decision, the Supreme Court has confirmed our right to do so. The County will continue to fight any aggressive efforts by federal immigration authorities to unfairly conduct massive deportations.

**Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Sunday, there were 3,197 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 151 deaths. There are currently 60 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 102,848 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.1 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily.

**Free Mobile Testing Sites Open This Week**
The County Health System will deploy COVID-19 teams next week into areas across the County to provide free diagnostic tests, beginning on Tuesday, June 15. No appointments are necessary.

- County of Santa Clara Service Center Auditorium, 1555 Berger Dr., Building 2, San Jose, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.
- Overfelt High School, 1835 Cunningham Ave, San Jose, 1 to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.
- Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.
- Cupertino Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue, Cupertino, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday.
- Los Altos City Hall Community Meeting Chambers, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Consulate General of Mexico in San Jose, 302 Enzo Drive #200, San Jose, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.
- Roots Clinic at Antioch Baptist Church, 268 East Julian Street, San Jose, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Join me every Saturday for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page: www.facebook.com/davecortesegov.

The live discussions can be streamed on Saturday, June 20 and June 27, from 3 to 4 p.m. Ask questions through Facebook, call in and ask your questions at 408-287-3587, or text my Office at 408-480-7833.

You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall.

We hope to hear from you!

**Town Hall with Congressman Ro Khanna**

Please join me, Supervisor Cindy Chavez and Congressman Ro Khanna at a Town Hall about coordinating the Federal and County responses to COVID-19 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17.
You can join the discussion through this Zoom link [www.tinyurl.com/ZOOMGOV](http://www.tinyurl.com/ZOOMGOV), or call 1-669-254-5252, with meeting 161 8966 8818, and Password 171717.

**Town Hall on Saturdays with Dave**

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**In the News**

Did you get a chance to see recent coverage of our work in your local news and media outlets?

On Friday, I hosted the Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising at the Santa Clara County Government Center, which can be viewed [here](http://www.facebook.com/). I was honored to recognize the many contributions Filipino-Americans have made to our community.

You can also take a look at the [NBC News story](http://www.nbcnews.com) covering the opening of the Milpitas and Berryessa BART Stations. As a Metropolitan Transportation Commission member, a Valley Transportation Authority member, and a County Supervisor representing the district where these two stations are located, I have pushed hard for funding this extension of BART to San Jose and was proud to see these stations open.
Visit my website to learn more and read recent coverage.

**Celebrating the U.S. Flag**

Yesterday we celebrated Flag Day! Americans across the nation display flags to show their patriotism. In a month where residents have exercised their right to free speech, it is a fitting way to celebrate our country. Watch this video to learn how America got its 49th and 50th stars thanks to a high school class project.

**Virtual Forum on Racial Injustice**

The Human Rights Commission is hosting a special meeting on racial justice and law enforcement use of force in Santa Clara County. The public forum will be held via virtual teleconference beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. Click here to link to the agenda, and here to read instructions on how to participate.

**Caltrain Increases Weekday Service as Region Reopens**

Starting today, June 15, Caltrain will increase weekday service as Bay Area Shelter in Place restrictions begin to ease. The additional capacity will accommodate more riders while also maintaining onboard physical distancing.

Caltrain will operate 70 trains per weekday, up from the current 42. Service frequency will increase with up to three trains per hour during the peak commute. Caltrain is also bringing back limited trains that will operate a newly designed skip-stop service with fewer stops to reduce travel times and increase passenger flow for high-traffic stations to avoid crowding. All trains are operating six-car sets to maximize physical distancing onboard. Off-peak trains will make local weekday stops every hour until end of service.

Learn more here.

**Guidance for Sports, Camps, and Other Youth Activities**

A lot of residents have questions about youth sports. These activities are allowed in a limited capacity and with stable groups of 12 or fewer and the assurance that children do not change from one group to another. Multiple groups of children in a facility must stay in separate rooms, and providers must remain solely with one group of children. Whenever possible, children who live together should attend the same program and be assigned to the same stable group.

To read the full current guidance for youth activities, click here or download this PDF.

**County Libraries Begin Curbside Service**

The Santa Clara County Library District will begin offering curbside services starting today, June 15. No-contact pickup and return of materials will be available at all eight locations from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Up to 12 items can be placed on hold. For more information and appointments, visit sccl.org/curbside or call 408-540-3947.

Also today, the San Jose Public Library will begin curbside services from 1 to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays at some locations. Learn more here.

**D3 Website Hosts COVID-19 Resources and Updates**

My website hosts a dedicated section, updated regularly, that is focused on COVID-19. Here, you can view all of our previous newsletters, recordings of our town halls, and learn about resources and recommendations around the current public health emergency. We hope you, your family and friends find this information useful during this time.

**D3 COVID-19 Informational Flyer**
My staff and I have been working hard to supply the public with as many resources and as much knowledge as possible. These resources are vital to many, but reaching everyone who may need them is difficult. Please partner with me in getting the word out by sharing our COVID-19 Informational Flyer with your neighbors, family and friends. Together, we can ensure that every family has access to the help they need to stay healthy and safe during this pandemic.

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 supervisorcortese.org.

Stay safe,

Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District