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Victory for DACA

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Dear Friends,

The Supreme Court was on the right side of history today with its rejection of the Trump administration's attempt to dismantle the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. Across the country, 200,000 DACA recipients are filling important roles in the workplace during this pandemic, including 30,000 who are health care workers on the frontline of fighting COVID-19.

In Santa Clara County, nearly 14,000 individuals were immediately eligible for DACA in 2016, and as many as 50,000 are in the age category that would make them eligible if other criteria are met, according to the Migration Policy Institute. Our local DACA recipients are engaged community members who continue to provide invaluable contributions as students, social workers, medical doctors, scholars, teachers, college educators, researchers, and in many other professions. Each year, DACA recipients and their households contribute \$5.6 billion in federal taxes and \$3.1 billion in state and local taxes.

I am proud of the County of Santa Clara's leadership in this fight. In 2017, the County and the Service Employees International Union Local 521 filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Trump Administration to overturn its unlawful rescission of the DACA Program. The lawsuit was the first in the nation to be brought jointly by an employer and affected workers in response to the Trump administration's cancellation of the DACA program. The County also worked with the SEIU and others to obtain a preliminary injunction stopping the repeal.

While we can celebrate today's victory, we need to remain vigilant and use the precious time we have won to work on a permanent fix that will allow our Dreamers to thrive. I was part of a news conference today that featured DACA recipients who are essential workers for the County. Click [here](#) to watch the news conference.

Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Wednesday, there were 3,288 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 151 deaths. There are currently 54 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 110,523 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 2.9 percent positive rate. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

Town Hall with Congressman Ro Khanna

If you missed the Town Hall with Congressman Ro Khanna, me and Supervisor Cindy Chavez on Wednesday, you can catch up with our conversation on coordinating the Federal and County responses to COVID-19.

Click [here](#) to watch a recording of the Town Hall.

Town Halls on Saturdays with Dave


**COVID-19 TOWN HALL
WITH SUPERVISOR
DAVE CORTESE**

**EVERY SATURDAY
IN JUNE FROM 3-4PM PST**

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
@DAVECORTSEGOV**

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

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!

Superior Court Expands Court Services and Judicial Proceedings

The Santa Clara County Superior Court has begun a phased expansion of judicial proceedings and reopening of clerk's offices in courthouses located around the County.

Last week, Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan [issued an order](#) that restricts Court access to only those required to appear in Court for a hearing or to conduct official business with the Court.

On Monday, the clerk's offices at the Hall of Justice Criminal Courthouse and the Family Justice Center Courthouse reopened for in-person official business with the Court. The Civil and Traffic Court clerk's offices will reopen for in-person services on June 29.

The Court will be adding judicial proceedings and reopening courtrooms over the coming weeks and months. Misdemeanor hearings (in and out of custody arraignment/pretrial/motion) and Department of Child Support Services matters will resume on June 22. All Juvenile Dependency courtrooms and most Family Law courtrooms will be hearing matters by June 29.

Case information, including upcoming hearing dates, can be viewed online by visiting the Court's [Public Portal](#). Please continue to visit the [Court's COVID-19 response website](#) for updates as we expand courtroom and courthouse services.

Throughout this expansion process, the Superior Court continues to observe and enforce [social distancing requirements](#), including the use of proper [face coverings](#) for all persons who enter the courthouses.

Free Mobile Testing Sites Open This Week

Free COVID-19 diagnostic tests are available this week at these locations. 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., today and Friday.
- Overfelt High School, [1835 Cunningham Ave, San Jose](#), 1 to 7 p.m., today and 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. today and Friday.
- Cupertino Creekside Park, [10455 Miller Avenue, Cupertino](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., today.
- Consulate General of Mexico in San Jose, [302 Enzo Drive, #200, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

Family Resource Roundup

- CalFresh recipients can use their benefits online. SNAP EBT is available as an online payment method at [Amazon](#) (ry delivery) and [Walmart](#) (grocery pick-up) so you can shop online from home. Additionally, CalFresh recipients can use their EBT card for an [Amazon Prime membership](#) at a discounted rate.
- Santa Clara County Office of Education has compiled a list of [child care resources](#) for those returning to work under the June 5, [2020 Shelter in Place Order](#).
- First 5 Santa Clara County has set up a [Community Resources Directory](#) with summaries and links to different county resources. This page is available to view in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Tagalog.
- Families and children who normally qualify for free or reduced school meals, can apply for [Pandemic-EBT benefits \(P-EBT\)](#) and receive one-time payment of up to \$365 per child to spend on groceries during COVID-19 school closures. [Application deadline](#) is June 30, 2020.

Survey for Girls About the Impact of COVID-19

The Alliance for Girls, the nation's largest alliance of girl-serving organizations, is conducting a survey to identify the needs of girls and gender expansive youth during COVID-19.

There is a gap in data on the unique needs and experiences of this group, especially during a time of crisis. Girls and young women under age 24 can help close that gap by taking a [five-minute confidential survey](#). Survey responses will be used to help the group plan its services and activities during the pandemic and in the recovery period. All participants will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Target gift card.

Please Fill Out the 2020 Census Form

Even though we are sheltering in place, the Census 2020 count is moving forward. 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. Census forms are available online at [my2020census.gov](#) or you can call toll-free 844-330-2020. The Santa Clara County Census Office has created a video that you can share on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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



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