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Fighting Racism

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Dear Friends,

At the Tuesday, June 23, Board of Supervisors meeting, I will propose a resolution that will declare Racism a Public Health Crisis.



In light of protests and demonstrations demanding justice for George Floyd across the nation, local governments have an opportunity for much-needed dialogue around policing and signifying our support for communities of color.

The coronavirus outbreak had already laid bare the disproportionate number of people of color getting COVID-19 in our County, including our Latino population countywide and our Latino, African American and Asian American communities in East San Jose.

This resolution, and another resolution proposed by Supervisor Cindy Chavez, reaffirm the County's commitment to fight racism and address the inequities it has caused to people of color. Supervisor Chavez's resolution affirms that Black Lives Matter, condemns racial violence and commits the County to work with black communities towards elimination of systemic and institutional racism.

My proposal to declare Racism a Public Health Crisis recommends the following actions from the County:

- Incorporate educational efforts to address and dismantle racism, and expand understanding of racism and how racism affects individual and population health.
- Promote community engagement, actively engaging citizens on issues of racism, and provide tools to engage actively and authentically with communities of color.
- Commit to review all portions of codified ordinances with a racial equity lens.
- Commit to conduct all human resources, vendor selection and grant management activities with a racial equity lens including reviewing all internal policies and practices such as hiring, promotions, leadership appointments and funding.
- Promote racially equitable economic and workforce development practices.
- Promote and encourage all policies that prioritize the health of people of color and mitigate exposure to adverse childhood experience and trauma in childhood.
- Train all elected officials and staff on workplace biases and how to mitigate them.
- Partner and build alliances with local organizations that have a legacy and track record of confronting racism.
- Support local, state, and federal initiatives that advance social justice and combat racism.
- Encourage community partners and stakeholders in the education, employment, housing, criminal justice and safety arenas to recognize racism as a public health

crisis and to activate the above items.

- Secure adequate resources and funding to successfully accomplish the above activities.

To show your support for this resolution, you or your organization can publicly endorse the proposal at this link: www.tinyurl.com/d3supportform.

Instructions for those that want to submit public comment during the virtual Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday are [posted here](#).

Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of today, there were 3,398 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 152 deaths. There are currently 55 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 115,432 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 2.9 percent positive rate. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

Please Be Safe on County/City Trails

I am happy to see so many residents using the trails within the County for walking and biking as healthy and allowable activities during the pandemic.

But two fatal bike crashes on the Guadalupe River Trail sends a message for all users to be aware of the dangers. On the Guadalupe River Trail, for example, people biking pick up speed as they ride down a ramp under the overpass and then are thrust into a dark corridor with limited visibility. While the design of trails plays a critical role in safety, it is up to users to ensure that trails remain safe and welcoming.

The [Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition](#) provides safety guidelines for trail users that advise us to slow down, anticipate and observe, communicate and be friendly to other users.

Free Mobile Testing Sites Open Next Week

Free COVID-19 diagnostic tests are available at these locations starting on Tuesday, June 23. No appointments are necessary. Click [here](#) for all the testing sites in Santa Clara County.

- SAP Center, [525 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose](#), 1 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.
- Andrew Hill High School, [3200 Senter Road, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday.
- Santa Clara Northside Branch Library, [695 Moreland Way, Santa Clara](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday.
- Morgan Hill City Council Chambers, [17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday.
- IBEW 332, [2125 Canoas Garden Ave Suite 120, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday.
- Roots Clinic at Antioch Baptist Church, [268 East Julian Street, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

San Jose Park Restrooms Now Open

This week, the City of San Jose opened most of the restrooms in its parks. The restrooms will be cleaned according to their use. Most frequented park restrooms will be cleaned three times a day while less frequented restrooms will be cleaned once or twice a day.

A few restroom buildings remain closed to the public as they are being used by children in summer camps. For a list of closed restrooms, [visit bit.ly/prnscancellations](http://bit.ly/prnscancellations). Drinking fountains remain closed until further notice. Park visitors are encouraged to bring their own water.

Join the Virtual Celebration Make Music San Jose

Make Music San Jose on Sunday, June 21, coincides with festivities in more than 1,000 cities worldwide as part of Make Music Day. The idea is to share the joy of making music with everyone that wants to take part – from professional to amateur musicians, as well as the musically curious.

From noon to 6 p.m. on June 21, visit at www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose to watch performances by local musicians. You are also encouraged to make music at home and post a video or photo with the hashtag #makemusicsanjose. Make Music San José is a program of the City of San José Office of Cultural Affairs.

Household Hazardous Waste Program Resumes

The County has resumed the Household Hazardous Waste program following a hiatus due to COVID-19, allowing residents to schedule free drop-off appointments. For a small fee, qualifying small businesses can also make an appointment.

As operations ramp up, the number of daily appointments is limited to ensure the health and safety of residents and program staff, so residents may experience dates further out than normal. Residents are encouraged to use [retail takeback locations](#) for quick and safe disposal of paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs, sharps and medications. Visit hhw.org, or call 408-299-7300 for appointments.

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:
@DAVECORTESEGOV**

Join me every Saturday for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov.

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!

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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