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Join My Wildfire Webinar

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Dear Friends,

With Independence Day just around the corner, I offer this reminder: Illegal fireworks are disallowed in Santa Clara County. Period.

Yet, we are hearing from residents that they have been witnessing explosive fireworks in their neighborhoods for weeks. This is disturbing on many levels. Fireworks are illegal because they turn neighborhoods into war zones, traumatize pets and are extremely dangerous to children.

But more importantly, as we approach a very dry summer, sparks from explosives can create fires that can cause widespread destruction and death. In recent years, we've seen many tragic fires in California ignited by a single spark.

Unfortunately, cities and organizations in the County that usually have huge fireworks displays for the public will not be having them this year because of the Shelter in Place Order and the threat of COVID-19 spreading in large crowds. These professional displays acted as a deterrent to illegal backyard fireworks shows.

Five years ago, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance that holds property owners in unincorporated areas responsible for the illegal use of fireworks on their properties even if they aren't in attendance. Violators face fines and jail time if there are injuries or property damage. Cities in the County, including the City of San Jose, also have similar ordinances. In San Jose, you can report illegal fireworks by dialing 3-1-1 or completing an online form on the city's website. In unincorporated areas of the County, call the Sheriff's Office at 408-299-2311, and please leave an address of the site.



Fireworks aren't the only cause of wildfires, and now is the time to protect our homes and prepare family evacuation plans. You can learn about how to reduce wildfire risk at a webinar I am hosting with State Assemblymember Evan Low and the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

The webinar will be from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, and you can register at this link: tinyurl.com/sccwildfire.

For questions about this webinar, please call my office at 408-299-5033 or email dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

[Coronavirus Dashboards Update](#)

As of Monday, there were 3,606 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 154 deaths. There are currently 55 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 127,148 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 2.8 percent positive rate. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

In the News

Did you get a chance to see recent coverage of our work in your local news and media outlets? Visit my [website](#) to learn more and read recent coverage. Yesterday, I hosted a News Conference with Supervisor Cindy Chavez, NAACP Silicon Valley/San Jose, Roots Community Center Clinic, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet, Working Partnerships USA, Youth Hype, La Raza Roundtable of California, and the American Muslim Voice Foundation in support of our call to declare Racism a Public Health Crisis in Santa Clara County.

Thank you to the over 400 community members and 25 local organizations who signed on in support of this declaration in only 3 days. This initiative includes measurable actions that commit the County to work with communities of color towards elimination of systemic and institutional racism.

NBC/Bay Area - [Santa Clara County Supervisors Discuss Racism as a Public Crisis](#)
CBS San Francisco - [Santa Clara County Proposes Declaring Racism As A Public Health Crisis](#)

KTVU/Fox 2 - [Santa Clara County supes declare racism a public health crisis](#)

San Jose Spotlight - [Santa Clara County to declare racism as a public health crisis](#)

Kron4 - [Santa Clara County supervisors initiate resolution to declare racism a public health crisis](#)

Mobile Testing Sites Open Today

**Get Tested,
San José!**

Get a **FREE COVID-19 Test**
TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - FRIDAY, JUNE 26
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SAP Center
 525 W Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

For more information, call **2-1-1**
 or visit [SCCfreetest.org](https://www.sccfreetest.org)

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.

Cupertino Approves Grant Program for Small Businesses

The City of Cupertino has created a new program to provide one-time emergency grants of \$5,000 to eligible small businesses to provide working capital during the COVID-19

pandemic.

The Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program will use its CDBG-CV CARES Act fund allocation of \$229,017 to provide grants to eligible businesses with 25 or fewer employees that include low-moderate income individuals. The grants do not need to be repaid.

For questions or more information about this program, contact Economic Development Manager Angela Tsui at angelat@cupertino.org or 408-777-7607.

For the latest information and business resources regarding COVID-19, please visit cupertino.org/covid19businessinfo.

Town Hall on Saturday with Dave



The graphic features the Santa Clara County seal at the top. Below it, the text reads: "COVID-19 TOWN HALL WITH SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE". A red banner below that says "EVERY SATURDAY IN JUNE FROM 3-4PM PST". At the bottom, it says "LIVE ON FACEBOOK: @DAVECORTESEGOV".

Join me on Saturday, June 27, for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/davecortese.

The live discussion will be streamed from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 27. 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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