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UBI for Foster Youth—a first!

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Dear Friends,

The County's new Basic Income Program for former foster youth is a lifeline for young adults beginning to navigate into the world on their own. And it couldn't have come at a better time for the first 72 grant recipients who are facing adulthood during a health crisis.

Under the program, which I brought to the Board of Supervisors last year, they will receive \$1,000 a month for a year to help them with rent, food, clothing, transportation and all of the other necessities of life in adulthood. Unlike other support systems, they will make their own decisions on how they spend the funding.

This program came out of a conversation I had with Gisele Huff of the Gerald Huff Fund for Humanity. After Board approval, the County Social Services Agency embraced the idea with enthusiasm. It is the first of its kind, not just in the County, but in the Country.

The first recipients will receive financial counseling help from the Excite Credit Union as well as the other support services the County offers.

At a news conference today, Gisele Huff talked about life being difficult for these young adults under any circumstances, but especially during the pandemic, which has weakened our economy and put millions out of work with the closure of many business sectors.

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The County's Basic Income Program is the first in the Country, but we don't want it to be the last. In fact, we'd like to be first for a short time and hope that other counties across the State and Country that have expressed interest will launch their programs. Click [here](#) to watch the news conference.

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Monday, there were 9,215 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, and 184 deaths. There are currently 174 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 339,608 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with an average 3.9% positive rate over seven days. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

Statewide, there were 453,659 cases, and 8,416 deaths; 7.1 million have been tested, with an average 7.5% positive rate over the past 14 days. For more statewide data, click [here](#).

In the U.S., there are 4.1 million cases, with 145,982 deaths.

Globally, there are 16 million cases and 646,384 deaths.

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.

CBS News – [Despite High Infection Count, San Mateo County Stays Off State COVID-19 Watch List](#)

KRON 4 – [Bay Area counties seek more resources for homeless amid pandemic](#)

Who is Working on What in Santa Clara County

I want to thank Greg Ranstrom for working with me to put together an amazing "WIWOW" network showcasing some of the work my Office and the County is doing. These networks, which have the potential to grow, are a great resource for those hoping to learn more about our work on homelessness in Santa Clara County. With this tool, you can search a directory of people and organizations working on issues of homelessness, and view the links between them. The directory will graphically display both direct links and indirect links of degrees 2, 3, or higher. Check it out here: [Santa Clara County Homelessness Network](#). Greg and my Office will be working on more "WIWOW" networks to easily display the work we are doing to provide services to our community.

Join Metro Talks on Emerging from Shelter in Place

Metro Talks is a remote series of public forums to seed and exchange ideas on how the Bay Area can transform for the better in the areas of housing, community development, climate change, the economy, technology, and transportation. You can join the noon talk on Tuesday, July 28, focusing on this equitable engagement during COVID-19. At a time when Bay Area residents continue to shelter-in-place, how can we adapt to the current limitations, and how might we emerge with more inclusive strategies for equitable community engagement during this portal into the digital-first age?

Click [here](#) for more information and to RSVP.

Hindu American Foundation Provides Education Resources

The Hindu American Foundation is proud to present digital educational resources about Hinduism, including lesson plans, toolkits, and more. Click [here](#) to learn about all of these resources.

The [Holi Toolkit](#) is a guide to familiarizing teachers, parents and students with Holi. In this toolkit are materials to teach about the "Festival of Colors" in classrooms and activities to do at home.

The [Vaisakhi Explainer](#) goes deeper into the celebration of Vaisakhi, a festival that is held almost every year on the same day and is known as the solar new year for some Hindu communities.

In the [Diwali Toolkit](#), you will learn about a Hindu festival that is celebrated every year on the 15th day of the month of Kartik in the Hindu calendar and that celebrates the victory of good over evil.

The [Gandhi / Martin Luther King Jr. Lesson Plan](#) allows students to examine the influence of Mahatma Gandhi and the Hindu concept of ahimsa (nonviolence) on leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and César Chávez.

[Understanding the Kashmir Conflict](#) is a three-part critical reading lesson that provides students with an opportunity to learn about the significance of the Kashmir conflict and the

impact it has had on foreign relations between two modern nation states, as well as its influence on the quality of life for the region's diverse residents.

Join My Saturday Town Hall on Facebook

Please join my Facebook Town Hall on Saturday, August 1, from 3 to 4 p.m., where you can ask questions about COVID-19.



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

EVERY SATURDAY
AUGUST FROM 3-4PM PST

LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
@DAVECORTESEGOV

You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply click on this link facebook.com/davecortese gov to watch the Town Hall or ask questions. You can also call-in to ask questions at 408-287-3587 or text at 408-480-7833.

If you missed the July 25th Town Hall with Dr. Sarah Rudman, Director of Case Investigations and Contact Tracing at the Emergency Operations Center, click [here](#) to view a recording.

We hope to hear from you on Saturday! If your question doesn't get answered during the Town Hall, please call my office at 408-299-5030 and a staff member can help you.

Pop-up Testing Locations Open This Week

The pop-up testing program operated by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center continues to provide free diagnostic COVID-19 testing around the County. The County has started a wrist-band system so people can avoid long lines. The supply of wristbands depends on the number of available tests and are only available as supplies last. The County advises those interested in a test at a pop-up site to go earlier in the day rather than later to pick up a wristband. When the wristbands run out, people will be directed to other testing locations nearby.

Residents can find a testing location across the County at sccfreetest.org or by calling 2-1-1.

Here are new sites open from July 28 through August 1:

- **South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary):** 9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 28 through 31.
- **Oak Grove High School:** 285 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, 1p.m. to 6 p.m. on July 28 through 31, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on August 1.
- **Santa Clara County Office of Education:** 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 28 through 31.

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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