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Update on Wildfires

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Dear Friends,

As fires continue to burn in Santa Clara County and surrounding counties, we will try to keep you updated with the latest information on locations, evacuation orders and warnings.

Nearly 12,000 firefighters are battling nearly two dozen major fires and complexes across California. Overnight firefighters continued to make progress despite extreme weather conditions. Since the lightning siege started on Saturday, August 15, 2020 there have been nearly 12,000 lightning strikes. During this time-period, there have been more than 560 new wildfires, most of which have been contained due to aggressive firefighting. Those fires have burned over 771,000 acres in total.

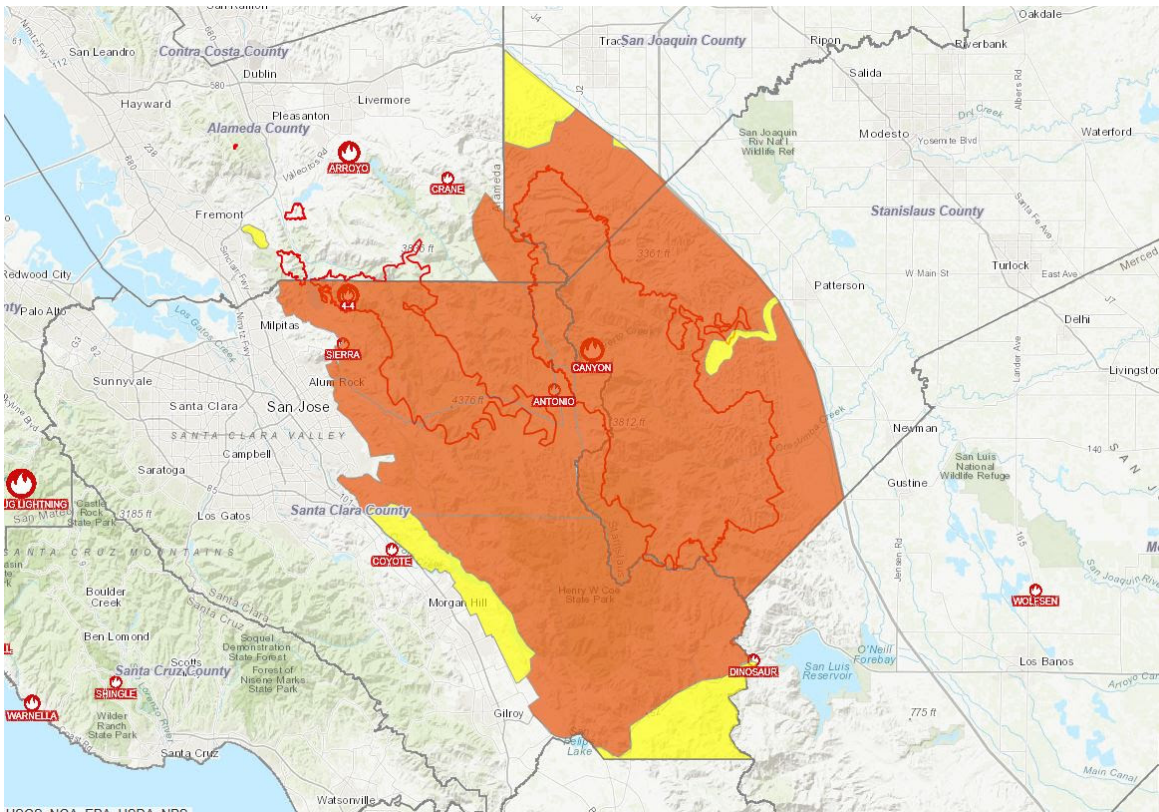
In Santa Clara County, the SCU Lightning Complex Fire is burning in the eastern part of the county while major fires burn in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties, known as the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire.

As of Friday morning, the SCU Lightning Complex Fire has consumed 230,000 acres and is 10% contained. The CZU Fire has burned more than 50,000 acres and 50 structures and is 0% contained.

Cal Fire reports continued high temperatures and dry overnight conditions are expected for today, with an increase in fire activity after noon. Today, crews will continue to scout for safe access points in order to construct fire line, protect structures and critical infrastructure.

Please continue to visit the "Fire Information" section at www.supervisorcortese.org for regular incident and evacuation updates.

Cal Fire's map showing [evacuation areas](#) is continually updated. This map can be found [here](#) and a screenshot is below.



Evacuation centers have been set up at the Milpitas Library, [160 N. Main Street, Milpitas](#), and at Sobrato High School, [401 Burnett Avenue, Morgan Hill](#). The resource center is staffed by the American Red Cross and serves to assess the needs of individuals and families impacted by the evacuations and determine appropriate resources. It is not a shelter but serves to assist residents with temporary housing.

An information hotline and website are also available for Santa Clara County residents seeking information about available resources. The hotline can be reached at 408-808-7778 and is for evacuees only, not general fire information. General fire information is available online at <http://bit.ly/LightningComplex-SCC>.

The Santa Clara County Fire Department is reminding residents to be ready for wildfire. Have a plan and be ready to go immediately in the event of an evacuation. Register to receive Santa Clara County emergency alerts at alertscc.com. Visit sccfd.org/rsg for more information on preparing your home and family for wildfire.

To check out the air quality in your area, visit airnow.gov.

All County-run COVID-19 testing sites remain open, with contingency plans to move drive-through testing to an indoor testing site if air quality worsens. Visit sccfreetest.org for testing locations and to make appointments.

Saturday Town Hall with Guest David Mineta

Please join my Town Hall on Saturday, August 22, with special guest David Mineta, President and CEO of Momentum for Mental Health, who will provide information about mental health resources and answer questions about how to cope during this challenging time.

The Town Hall will be livestreamed from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. You don't need a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply open an Internet browser and click on this link [facebook.com/davecortese](https://www.facebook.com/davecortese).



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

EVERY SATURDAY
AUGUST FROM 3-4PM PST

If you aren't able to participate in Saturday's Town Hall, call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org to get your questions answered.

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Please join us!

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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