Dear Friends,

Please join me and Deputy County Executive David Campos at my Town Hall on Saturday, October 10. He has been on the frontline of the County’s response to COVID-19, serving as Public Information Officer of the Emergency Operations System.

You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall. Simply click on the link [facebook.com/davecortesegov](http://facebook.com/davecortesegov) to watch the Town Hall or ask questions. You also can call in to ask questions at 408-287-3587 or text questions to 408-480-7833.

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.

**Day on the Bay is Back with A Virtual Boat Tour of the South Bay**

Also this weekend, my Office is launching our first virtual “Day on the Bay” featuring a video tour of the South Bay. The tour offers fantastic views of the mountains surrounding the Bay and is an opportunity to meet the wildlife that call the salt ponds home.

Because COVID-19 prevents us from having our traditional Day on the Bay multicultural festival at Alviso Marina County Park, which has drawn 10,000 guests to the park, I teamed up with the...
County Parks Department to produce this video tour.

The video will be launched for the first time ever at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2020. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/DOTB2020.

The video tour will later be shared with teachers from all around Santa Clara County to provide students with firsthand exposure to the Bay, its wildlife and its connection to our local communities, while teaching them the impacts of climate change.

Please join us virtually on Sunday! And please feel free to share among your networks.

Making Progress on Initiatives for Older Adults

The County is making progress on initiatives to support older adults that emerged from a Special Hearing on the needs of older adults that Supervisor Cindy Chavez and I held last year. This work dates back to the Older Adults Summit I convened 10 years ago.

On Tuesday October 6, the Board heard reports on Supporting the Older Adults Community (Item 26) and on Mental Health Support for Older Adults (Item 27). Click here to watch the video of the presentations and discussion on these items.

Please let me know what you think of the progress at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

COVID-19 Dashboards Update

According to County Public Health Dashboards, as of Thursday, there were 22,154 reported COVID-19 cases in Santa Clara County, an increase of 314 cases since Sunday. These are cumulative numbers and don’t reflect the number of people who have recovered or those who may have COVID-19 but have not been tested; 354 people have died, an increase of 1 since Sunday, and 74 are now in hospitals, a decrease of two since Sunday; 827,443 people have been tested, with a seven-day average positivity rate of 1.7%, down from 1.8% on Sunday.

The cumulative total of cases in California is 838,606, and 16,428 people have died; 15.7 million have been tested, with an average 14-day positivity rate of 2.6%.

In the U.S., there were 7.7 million cases and 216,536 deaths.

Globally, there are 36.5 million cases and 1,062,360 deaths.

County Residents Can Apply for FEMA Disaster Aid

At my request, Santa Clara County has been included in the federal disaster declaration that allows residents to apply for financial assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Apply for disaster assistance with FEMA at www.disasterassistance.gov, by downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet, or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. PDT. If you use a relay service such
as a videophone, Innocaption or CapTel, provide FEMA the specific number assigned to that service when you register.

The deadline for survivors of August wildfires to register with FEMA for individual disaster assistance and apply for a low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration has been extended to November 21.

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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