Dear Community,

As you know, the Board of Supervisors meets twice a month to set policy, make sure the bills are paid, monitor the operations of government and, most importantly, hear from the public about how we’re doing as a County.

Because of the enormity of issues facing us with COVID-19, we are adding a meeting this month. Please join our teleconference meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14. Click here for instructions on how to join the meeting remotely.

We will receive reports from the Valley Transportation Authority about transit services and from our administration about access to unemployment insurance. We know that there has been an overwhelming number of residents applying for unemployment payments because of coronavirus-related job losses.

We will also receive reports and recommendations from the County Social Services Agency about medical insurance enrollment and coverage, the food assistance program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as CalFresh) other SSA assistance programs and childcare for essential County workers.

And, as we do at all meetings, we will be hearing from you, the residents of Santa Clara County. Our next meeting this month will be Tuesday, April 21.

For questions, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

You Can Help Our Frontline Healthcare Workers

Join me and Congressman Ro Khanna at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, for “Protect our Heroes,” an online fundraiser in support of our frontline healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can stream the live event at this link. Donations in support of our healthcare workers can be made here:

https://tinyurl.com/SCCHealthcareWorkers.

Update on Coronavirus
The County Public Health Department reports that the current number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 is 1,621, with 54 deaths. The PHD website, with three dashboards, is updated daily at [sccgov.org/covid19](http://sccgov.org/covid19). As of April 12, 194 are in the hospital, and nearly 15,000 have been tested, with about 11% testing positive.

You can receive help by navigating through the Santa Clara County COVID-19 Assistance Navigation (CAN) hotline at 408-809-2124. Your questions also can be answered by dialing 2-1-1. Both have assistance available in several languages.

**Latest Town Hall Can Be Viewed on YouTube**

Thank you to County CEO Dr. Jeff Smith, KSJX Multicultural Radio, Mylinh Pham, Nam Pham and all of the community members who participated in my Radio Town Hall on April 11. It was a pleasure to answer your questions about COVID-19. For those who weren't able to make it, you can listen to a recording of the event here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VyRnEzwTKk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VyRnEzwTKk).

**April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April was declared by the Board as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Santa Clara County to shine a light on the consequences of abuse and neglect, and the need to focus on prevention efforts. The Child Abuse Prevention Council has partnered with the Department of Family and Children's Services, First 5, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education to promote a Valley Transportation Authority ad campaign with the message, “Healthy Relationships are...Safe, Respectful, and Kind.” The community can find more information on ‘Tools to Thrive’ by visiting [www.healthyrelationships.scc.org](http://www.healthyrelationships.scc.org).

**Happy 90th Birthday to Civil Rights Icon**

On April 10, I wished a Happy Birthday to civil rights icon, community organizer, and my friend, Dolores Huerta. Please consider supporting the Dolores Huerta Foundation that recruits and empowers grassroots leaders in low-income communities to attain social justice by organizing on issues in education, health, the environment, civic engagement and economic development.

During this especially difficult time surrounding COVID-19, the foundation is focusing their efforts on ensuring the most complete possible census count, with a focus on hard-to-count communities. Thank you, Dolores, for being an inspiration to so many across the state, country, and beyond.
**Downtown Campbell Survival Project**

The Downtown Campbell Survival Project is giving away six $50 gift cards. Anytime you donate to a Downtown Campbell related GoFundMe, buy a gift card, order food, or buy something online, they'll enter you into a monthly drawing for prizes. Visit [this page](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=cb2fc1e664&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1663960912512643166&simpl=msg-f%3A1663960912533/) for all the details on how to enter.

**It’s Not Too Late to Fill Out the Census**

Even though we are sheltering in place, the Census 2020 count is moving forward. Data collected in the census is used for the appropriation of over $675 billion in annual federal funding and apportionment for the House of Representatives. Census forms are available online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or you can call toll-free 844-330-2020. The Santa Clara County Census Office has created a video that you can share on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com).

Thank you for your cooperation in following the health guidelines, your compassion for others and your generosity in volunteering and giving to coronavirus relief funds. Reach out to our office at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).

Thank you,

Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District

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