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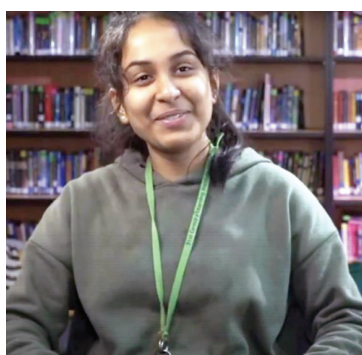
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Abinaya Sridharan

## YMCA's Project Cornerstone honors Abinaya Sridharan of Quimby Oak Middle School

YMCA of Silicon Valley is honoring local residents, three local schools and one community organization as 2020 Asset Champions for their commitment to making the Bay Area a better place for young people to live and grow.

Among the recipients being honored is Quimby Oak Middle  
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## QUESTIONS RAISED

## Research finds San Jose-Evergreen Community College District underserves San Jose Students

*SJECCD's limited class offerings drive San Jose students to other community college districts*

Evergreen residents and educators Rex and Sandi Randles have been studying the problem of how the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) underserves San Jose students with limited class offerings, forcing many students to attend other community college districts.

The Randles, long-time educators, made a virtual online presentation to the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) Board of Trustees on April

14 titled: "Is SJECCD meeting its mission, vision, or core values?" The presentation included data tracking trends on community college enrollment of San Jose students since 2015.

"The Chancellor and the Trustees have been aware of the problem of limited class offerings at both Evergreen Valley College and San Jose City College for many years," Rex said. "We have had two meetings with the Chancellor, one of which included the then Trustees' President at Daniel Reyes' home, over 18 months ago. My wife Sandi and I have been informing the District about the problem since 2015."

*See SJECCD, page 12*

## Distance Learning criteria issued by Evergreen School District

The Evergreen School District published criteria regarding Distance Learning which began April 20.

The document provided information to families as to what to expect during physical school closures: "It is important to remember that while students are not physically attending school, school is still in session and they are expected to engage in their class sessions. Distance Learning means that they are attending class online, completing and submitting assignments, and interacting appropriately with their teachers using the online tools designated by their teachers and supported by the District, such as Google Classroom and Zoom. The goal is to continue the educational process while providing some structure for students at home."

*See LEARNING, page 17*



## FLAG FLYING

More and more residents in Evergreen Valley are proudly displaying the American Flag. The display of the U.S. Flag is a gesture of the community's collective resolve during a trying time. You do not have to wait until the Fourth of July to fly your flag; now is a perfect time.

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## YMCA's Project Cornerstone honors Quimby Oak's Abinaya Sridharan

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School's Abinaya Sridharan, who was selected for her kind-hearted nature, and positivity towards others daily and because she has demonstrated the power of positive peer influence.

To ensure all prospective attendees are safe, and to follow current physical distancing guidelines, this year's celebration will be held online through social media and a special website that was created for this

2020 event: [www.ymcasv.org/ymca-project-cornerstone/asset-champions](http://www.ymcasv.org/ymca-project-cornerstone/asset-champions). Visitors to the site can view videos of each winner, see all the sponsors, funders, the supporters of Project Cornerstone's cause and more.

For the past 17 years, Project Cornerstone's Asset Champion Awards has recognized Bay Area individuals, schools, and organizations that make extraordinary efforts to support and build Developmental

Assets, the strengths and resources in a young person's life, such as positive relationships, social and emotional skills, values, experiences, and communities, while inspiring others to do the same. Research shows that young people with "high" Developmental Assets grow into healthy, caring, and responsible adults.

For more information, visit [www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org).

## ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

### Does your family know of your end-of-life wishes?

Currently, people are suffering and dying alone in intensive care units due to the sobering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

You may know someone who is on a ventilator or other machines to keep themselves alive, but is that what they truly want?

Unfortunately most people have not set down their wishes for such scenarios in documents known as advance directives, adding to the uncertainty in emergency rooms overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients.

Front-line providers are "desperate" for any information so they make sure patients' care aligns with what they would want since patients are not able to see visitors, as they are banned from hospitals.

In a time when the pandemic has taken away people's control over many aspects of their lives, advanced care planning is one of the things under their control right now.

#### Helpful website

There is a helpful website to address the issue of Advance Directives which is sponsored by the University of California San Francisco. The website offers advance directives by state and includes videos on how to plan with your family and friends. The helpful website, Prepare for Your Care, is located at: [www.prepareforyourcare.org](http://www.prepareforyourcare.org)

Having a "Directive" can determine whether a patient with COVID-19 would prefer palliative care (oxygen mask, morphine and anti-anxiety medication to ease breathing) or life support (feeding tube, dialysis, transfusions and mechanical ventilation).

## Santa Clara County supervisors aim to make late taxes less taxing

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Cindy Chavez and Supervisor Joe Simitian are proposing Santa Clara County waive the 10% penalty on property tax payments that were due Friday, April 10, but that are paid late due to the COVID pandemic.

The two Supervisors also propose to publicize Santa Clara County's option for partial payment of property taxes (a proposal initiated by Simitian three years ago), and want to direct County staff to identify other ways to make late payment penalties less onerous, including, potentially, a reduction in the interest charged on properties that fall into default.

The Board of Supervisors will consider the proposal at its regularly scheduled  
*See TAXES, next page*

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For more information or to register visit: [bit.ly/smuinclasses](http://bit.ly/smuinclasses).

## San Jose City attorney strikes down proposal to suspend rent, citing constitutional concerns

A proposal by two San Jose Council members to suspend rent for three months during the coronavirus has been struck down by San Jose's attorney at a virtual City Council meeting last week over concerns the policy violated the Constitution.

City Attorney Rick Doyle said the city would be on the hook for the forgiven rent amounts, if it approves the proposal. Otherwise, he said, "it's equivalent to taking someone's property away."

"The concern here, in my view, is significant because there are a lot of properties and a lot of dollars at stake that the city could be on the hook," Doyle said. The Constitution also prohibits the government from interfering or "substantially impairing the obligation of a contract between private parties," he added.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis said the process, which bypassed the council's Rules Committee, wasted people's time and "riled up the emotions of the public for nothing" after droves of residents called into the

meeting to voice their concerns. This is why we got into trouble to begin with — if it went through the Rules process, we could have hammered it out and found out that it was a constitutional violation," he said. "All of us should be voting no."

Instead of a suspension, Councilmember Raul Peralez, one of the two lawmakers to first propose the policy, suggested the council next week discuss a rent freeze and define how a landlord receiving financial relief could pass that onto a tenant.



## Taxes

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Board meeting on Tuesday, April 21. At that time, the Board considered whether or not to direct County staff to waive the 10% penalty and \$20 fee for late payment of the second installment of property taxes which was due on April 10, 2020, as well as the other two items in the Simitian/Chavez proposal.

"We're in a crisis, and people are hurting,"

said Simitian. "Penalizing people who are doing the best they can during a difficult time makes no sense to me. So we're asking the Administration to simply waive the penalties and fees across the board, for all late payers, without requiring individual application, justification, or consideration."

Board President Cindy Chavez noted that, "Relief from penalties is particularly important for homeowners and small businesspeople whose livelihoods are uncertain — they need immediate relief."

The laptop screen shows the homepage of the Evergreen Times website. The header features the newspaper's name and the tagline "SERVING EVERGREEN & SILVER CREEK VALLEY SINCE 1982". Below the header, there are several news articles with images and headlines. One prominent article is titled "Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas wins 2nd term representing Evergreen". Another article mentions "High school junior Benjamin Le wins the Rotary Club San Jose East/ Evergreen speech contest".

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## LETTER

## When should sheltering no longer be required?

Dear Editor,

I believe it is time to quit making "sheltering at home" a requirement for everyone and just have the 20% who are over 65 or have health issues continue "sheltering at home." This would protect those in the over 65 group and those with health issues from getting COVID-19 and allow the other 80% of the people to get on with their lives and probably get and recover from COVID-19 and help develop herd immunity.

My husband and I started "sheltering at home" one week before the Governor of California required it. We have been "sheltering at home" for over 4 weeks since March 15, and I must admit that I like my new "job" of "sheltering at home." It is nice to feel like I'm doing something in the battle against the COVID-19 just by staying home and not getting sick. I'm sure a lot of other people in the over 65 group would be glad to continue "sheltering at home" in order to help stop the virus.

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## Op Ed

## BAHN delivers N95 masks to local hospitals

Ever since early February when COVID-19 was reported in the US, BAHN, a non-profit organization with over three thousand mom and pop property owners in the Bay Area, have been concerned about our country, especially when some members experienced sufferings in China. They knew how terrible the virus would affect us, and what our communities would desperately need to fight against COVID-19.

A doctor who worked with those encountering fever at clinics from Palo Alto Medical Foundation told BAHN, "We lack N95 and surgical masks, gowns, goggles and facial shields. Very difficult. Physicians feel not protected well. We are fighting against so many things."

It was relayed that a home visiting nurse of a major medical company was concerned with the need for increased masks. That nurse was requesting high quality N95 masks and they were hard to come by.

When the situation was getting worse in the US, BAHN, along with four other non-profit organizations primary serving local Chinese American communities, decided to take action to help the situation. Within three days, BAHN raised more than \$60K in cash and thousands of personal protective equipment (PPE) donations from passionate members.

For the desperate needs from hospitals, PPE can hardly be available in the US market. Volunteers turned to mask sources from China. Back in February, since we helped people in Wuhan, the experience, channels and personal connections we gained paid off and helped speed up the import of PPE to the USA.

With most international and domestic airlines being shut down and export and import being significantly slowed down, some members even asked their family members in China to mail small packages of PPE to the US.

Through all the hard work from all our volunteers by all means, BAHN secured and imported 40K masks and thousands of pieces of other PPE. Volunteers sent donation requests to communities and carefully evaluated the needs in order to donate to the most people in need. The donation served over 30 hospitals, homeless shelters, senior centers, police departments, fire stations, convenience stores and so forth, covering the whole Bay area, from San Jose to Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland, Fremont and Tri-Valley areas.

"With masks from BAHN, we can focus on fighting against the virus, not fear," a nurse from San Jose Regional Medical Center, stated with a smile.



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A couple of nurses at Kindred Hospital and Tricity of Fremont shared the same happiness, "How many masks can you give us, we will be gratefully taking them all, as we are in desperate need. Thank you so much for doing this."

An employee working at the IT department at a large hospital explained, since they were not front-line medical personnel, management had trouble supporting the department with the proper number of masks needed. They considered alternatives such as self-made mask types, hence, when the masks arrived it was perfect timing.

Captain Smith of the Fremont Fire Department told us, "our fire fighters felt a lot safer when responding to an emergency call. We can hand out the mask to the caller to wear when we interact and help them."

Helen from Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital said that the Imaging Services Department she worked for was the place that all COVID patients need to go through. There were dozens of COVID+ patients in the hospital. Helen told us everyone in her department was thrilled about the mask donation.

The other organizations joining forces to help were HuaRen Rotary of Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley Chinese Association Foundation (SVCAF), Citizens for better community (CBC) and Evergreen Chinese American Association (ECAA).

It was very time consuming and tiring work with regard to organizing and distributing the PPE donations. We need to find sources in a super competitive PPE market. From manufacturing to shipping to customs, each step had a lot of hurdles. After we got the PPE, we also needed to balance the needs among many requests, and make painful decisions with regard to allocation, and then we needed to deliver to all the needed parties. Some of the volunteers have worked continuously on different donation efforts, and feel exhausted. However, knowing people were and are suffering motivates us to keep going. It is a great feeling to be able to help the community.

With the mission "Better housing, better community," BAHN believes fighting against COVID-19 together, we are stronger and will be better. "USA will win this war!" said BAHN's leaders.

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# GoFundMe campaign organized by Bellarmine student to fund face shields

A new GoFundMe campaign to provide funding of 3D printing of face shields for local hospitals has been organized by Aditya Indla, a Sophomore at Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose.

Indla partnered with Bellarmine Maker Lab, Empowering Youth Action, a student organization founded by Bellarmine Students and Aneesh Sharma, a researcher at UC Berkeley and Maker Nexus, a non-profit organization, to deliver hospital validated medical face shields to the health-care workers.

## The Maker Nexus mission

The following information stated on the Maker Nexus Website explains their exciting involvement in helping the community: Our mission is to increase the capacity of individuals in our community to make things. We believe that unleashing the innate innovation in people can make their lives better, can improve our community, and can even change the world.

## How Maker Nexus started

The San Francisco Bay Area has always been a center for the maker movement; a center of creati-

ty, innovation, and market disrupting inventions. On November 17th, 2017, a well used for-profit makerspace, TechShop, closed the doors on all 9 locations in the U.S. In the bay area it left 1,800 makers without a place to make. These innovators, hobbyists, students, and artists were out in the cold. That very day a group of customers from the Mid-Peninsula location formed the Facebook group Maker Orphans to connect the community and hold it together. Maker Orphans has now grown to 1,500 members from across the U.S.

Closer to home, we organized a series of public town hall meetings to discuss the future. The turnout was greater than we could have imagined. It became clear that the makers in our area would step up and create a new non-profit makerspace. Maker Nexus was born

## Aditya Indla embarks on helping with GoFundMe project

With dwindling PPE supplies, Maker Nexus is rallying a diverse set of volunteers with 3D printers at home to print these face shields. All money raised by this

## #50-5-5; 3D Print COVID-19 Faceshields



**TEAM FUNDRAISER**  
Aditya Indla and Empowering Youth Action are organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Maker Nexus.

## GoFundMe: #50-5-5; 3D Print COVID-19 Faceshields

GoFundMe will go towards a goal of raising \$10,000 to protect one thousand health care workers by providing them with face shields.

The face shields cost \$10 each to manufacture and last up to 5 days with multiple sanitizations," Indla said. "Maker Nexus has more than 12,000 shields requested and the organization is

working hard to source supplies for volunteer makers and the GoFundMe donations allow them to buy the supplies in bulk."

## Campaign description:

Healthcare workers are facing a severe shortage of protective equipment as they deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. For \$50 you can protect 5 healthcare workers for 5 days with #50-5-5 face-shields. We have set ourselves an ambitious goal of raising \$10,000 to protect one thousand health care workers.

Bellarmino's Maker Lab, under

the direction of science faculty member David Dutton, is running production and delivering face shield parts to Maker Nexus, with all social distancing protocols in place.

Empowering Youth Action is a movement started by Bellarmine Students to see change through all levels of society. Follow them on Instagram at @empoweringyouthaction

The campaign can be found through this link: [gofundme.com/f/3d-print-covid19-healthcare-faceshields](https://gofundme.com/f/3d-print-covid19-healthcare-faceshields).

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## Amy Tran earns Albright College Presidential Scholarship

Amy Tran of Evergreen Valley has earned a \$15,000 annual Presidential Scholarship to Albright College, in Reading, PA.

A senior at Evergreen Valley High School, Tran is interested in studying Pre-Dentistry, General Biology and Psychobiology in college.

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Times **Community News****S.O.S. AUTO TIPS****What? Rodent feces in my engine compartment?**

This article is going to be very difficult for me to write. Just the thought of mice makes me want to jump out of my chair. These little critters love dark spaces for their nests and love, love, love chewing on wires (what a nightmare this can turn out to be for us) and they do not discriminate! It doesn't matter if your car or home is sparkling clean, they will set up camp anywhere they feel comfy.

Gnawing wires, ripping out insulation for nesting materials, or squirreling away caches of nuts and trash in an engine can destroy some of our most sophisticated transportation technology and cause significant financial loss. We see this issue many times, rodent feces and urine tracks all throughout an engine compartment. Luckily, there are ways we can TRY and keep them away. Here are a few tips:

**1. Electronic Deterrent Devices:** This is a popular item/solution. Rodents can hear ultrasounds that we cannot, and it annoys them tremendously; although some do learn to ignore it. Some devices that are equipped with strobe lights may also be a good idea, as the lights will disrupt the darkness that they prefer.

**2. Make your car smell bad, for them at least:** Some people have had success with peppermint oil (lots of people say this works best), powdered fox urine used cat litter (I don't think I'd want to touch that), cat or dog hair, Pine-Sol, Irish Spring Soap, red pepper flakes, and laundry sheets.

**3. Do not let your car sit unused:** Drive it once in a while to discourage our little friends from doing their own mechanical or electrical work. We all know that a seldom-used old car may be taken over by rodents, but the critters can also



get excited about brand new cars. In less than 24 hours, they can destroy much of the wiring. Some plastic insulating material now being used in cars seems especially tasty to the tiny invaders. When mice chew the insulation off wires that connect batteries, alternators, or anything electric to anything else, they cause short circuits that result in costly restoration.

**4. Park or store your car in the garage:** Parking outdoors can make your vehicle more attractive to rodents. Rodents are drawn to grass and vegetation. The risk of infestation is especially high for vehicles parked in tall grass or near heavily wooded areas.

We recently had a customer come in stating they had been on vacation for about 10 days and when they tried starting their car it would not start. They towed it in and after our diagnostic, we determined, "While the cat was away, the mice came out to play!" That was a costly repair. Thankfully, it was covered under their insurance policy.

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**The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, has announced that 28 Evergreen Valley residents have been inducted as new members.

**San Jose State University**

Zeeshan Ali, Jofel Bartolome, Chi Bui, Raelynn Mae Caligan, Xinyu Cao, Grecia Coria, Aileen Daco, Duy Ho, Mary Huynh, Tran Huynh, Divya Kumari, Xochilt Manriquez, David Mendez, Anh Nguyen, Bao Nguyen, Truong Tho Nguyen, Kristen Oreiro, Hugh Pham, Taranjeet Rathore, Navneet Sanghera, Vy To, Mandala Tran, Elena Trujillo Varela, and Victoria Yee.

**University of California-Davis**

Ryan Huang, Rebecca Shaffer; Minnie Tong, and Luke Wangsness.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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# Key resources offered to help citizens, business owners in the era of COVID-19

By Sylvia Arenas  
Special to the Times

As we continue to face the new realities of living with the threat of COVID-19, I've felt encouraged to see our community step up in the face of adversity. Many of you have worked to care for older neighbors, volunteered to distribute food for low-income families, and have supported our small businesses by continuing to order take-out from local favorites.

Part of being able to get through this crisis also means working to manage our stress. Laughing, making art, exercising, or just taking a moment to do nothing at all are great ways to de-stress. April is Stress Awareness Month and I joined our friends at The Art of Living in Evergreen for a virtual yoga session on Facebook Live. If you missed it, you can watch the video on my Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/sylviaarenas8](https://www.facebook.com/sylviaarenas8) to try at home with your family.

Below you'll find key resources to help you and your family get connected to programs available. For our small business, we know you are facing difficult and unique impacts due to the COVID-19 health emergency. We have also included resources for businesses to help your small business succeed in this challenging and uncertain time.

My office and I are available to help answer questions you and your family might have as we all work to navigate through these unprecedented times together. Please reach out at [District8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District8@sanjoseca.gov) or 408-535-4908 to connect with someone on the team.

In community,  
Sylvia Arenas

## KEY GENERAL RESOURCES

### Food Distribution – School Lunches during Spring Break

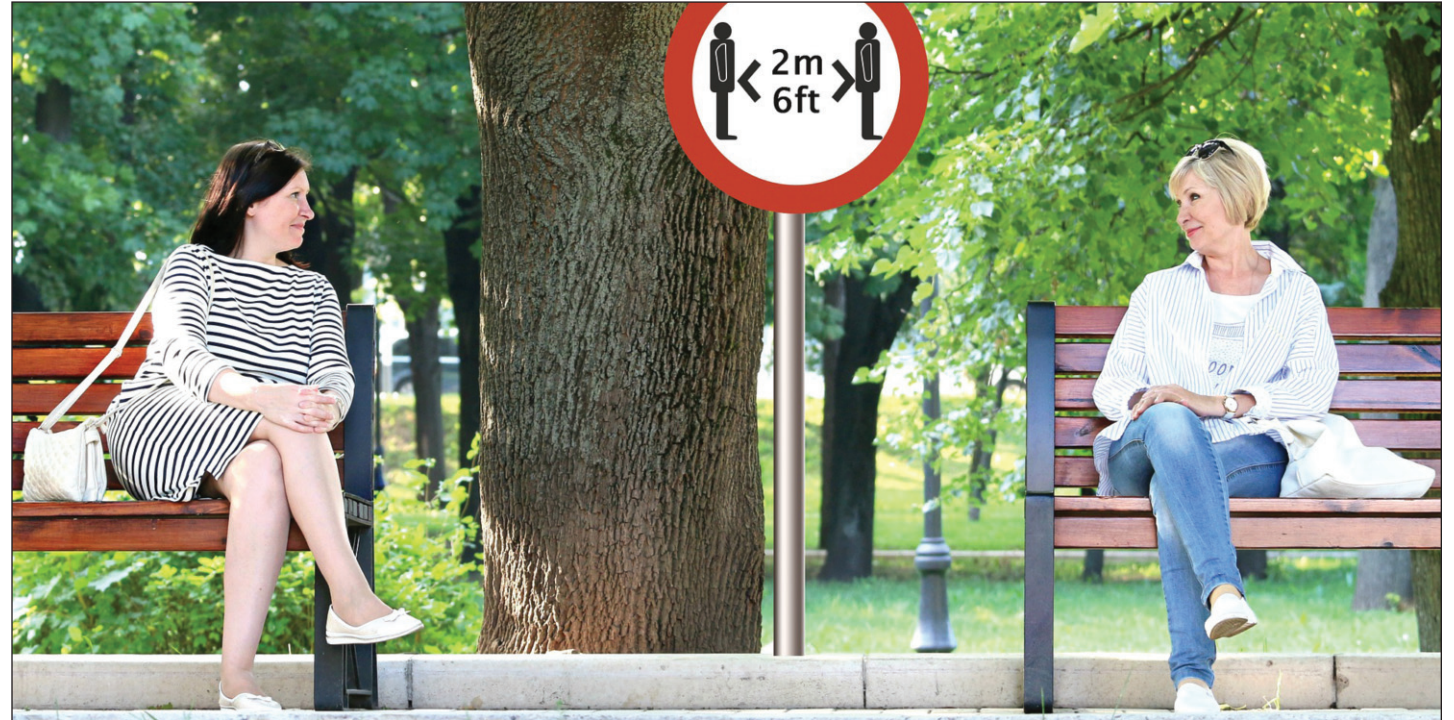
Through the City's Silicon Valley Strong Initiative and the countywide food distribution collaborative, Santa Clara County school districts are collaborating to ensure children have access to food during spring break by redirecting them to a different school district location. For information on the site nearest you, visit [bit.ly/svstrongyouth](https://bit.ly/svstrongyouth). Also, visit the Santa Clara County Office of Education website for the most up-to-date information about site closures and meal distribution at [www.sccoe.org/covid-19](https://www.sccoe.org/covid-19)

### Get Connected - Internet Access for Families

Families in need of internet connectivity for school or work may qualify for low cost plans through several companies servicing the San Jose area. These companies are also offering 60 days free internet for qualifying new customers. Learn more at [everyoneon.org](https://everyoneon.org).

### Financial and Legal Assistance for Workers:

To assist workers impacted by COVID-19, the County has launched Santa Clara County CAN (COVID-19 Assistance Navigation). People who have questions about safety net benefits or other coronavirus-related resources can call the multilingual hotline at



408-809-2124. In addition, the OLSE Attorney Staffed Advice Line at 1-866-870-7725 is available to workers seeking legal guidance for a potential violation of their rights in the workplace. This line is also available to businesses seeking compliance information. For more information go to [www.SantaClaraCounty-CAN.org](https://www.SantaClaraCounty-CAN.org) or [www.SCCFairWorkplace.org](https://www.SCCFairWorkplace.org)

### Employment Opportunities

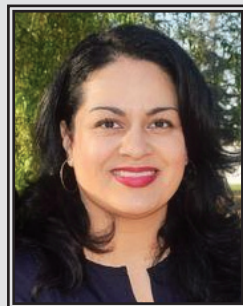
Work2future Career Centers have shifted from in-person services to remote assistance. Job seekers can visit [work2future.org](https://work2future.org) to find employers that are hiring, receive free training (including a metrics learning tool with over 5,000 classes), and enroll in and receive all work2future services online (workshops, career counseling, job search).

### Covered California & Medi-Cal Open for Enrollment

Covered California has opened a special enrollment period to any eligible uninsured individuals who need health care coverage during the COVID-19 emergency. Anyone who meets Covered California's eligibility requirements can sign up for coverage through June 30. If you have recently lost your job and have no current income, you may be eligible for Medi-Cal coverage effective immediately. Call 800-300-1506 if you need help with your application or visit [www.coveredca.com](https://www.coveredca.com) to learn more.

### Additional Support for Parents & Children at Home

If you need extra support while your child is distance learning at home, the Inclusion Collaborative through the Santa Clara County Office of Education is available to help! Call 408-453-6651 or email [inclusion-warmline@sccoe.org](mailto:inclusion-warmline@sccoe.org) to receive positive behavior support or learn more about resources available for parents struggling to manage their child's learning during this time.



## District 8 Report

By Sylvia Arenas  
City Councilmember

## RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

### City Resources for Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Employees

The City of San Jose has compiled a list of resources and services to help our local businesses and nonprofit organizations weather the current crisis, including information on how to apply for SBA Disaster Assistance Loans and lease assistance. The list can be found by clicking "Businesses/ Nonprofits" on the [www.sjeconomy.com](https://www.sjeconomy.com) page.

Small business owners and managers who need business-related support may also reach out to the City's Office of Economic Development emergency response team at [sjbusiness@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:sjbusiness@sanjoseca.gov) or call 877-880-1222

### California Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Help at No-Cost

As concerns continue about coronavirus (COVID-19), the California Small Business Development Center can help you navigate available resources, answer your business questions, and be a trusted partner for your business. Business advisors can help with applying for relief, guiding you through available resources, cash flow concerns, supply chain interruptions, workforce capacity, insurance coverage and more - at no cost. Visit [www.svsbdc.org](https://www.svsbdc.org) or call (408) 385-9800.

### Small Business Loans Available through Federal Government

The federal government passed the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act on March 25th, which provided funding for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans. The loans are meant to address the loss in sales and ability to operate along with the corresponding inability to pay employees, rent, and other costs of doing business due to the pandemic.

For up-to-date information on funding

availability, visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov). Businesses can also contact the City's Office of Economic Development at [covid19sjbusiness@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:covid19sjbusiness@sanjoseca.gov) or 1-877-880-1222 for additional information on funding resources.

### Additional Small Business Loans & Grants

1. Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and advertisement credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses. Applications for Bay Area businesses begin April 20th and are open for a limited time. Learn more and apply at [www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants](https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants)

2. California IBank has low-interest and state-guaranteed business loans and microloans for small business borrowers who have been impacted by regional disasters and who need term loans or lines of credit for working capital. Visit [www.ibank.ca.gov](https://www.ibank.ca.gov), call 510-698-2080, or email [IBank@IBank.ca.gov](mailto:IBank@IBank.ca.gov) for more information.

3. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation—in partnership with Vistaprint and a coalition of supporting companies—launched the Save Small Business Fund, a grant program to provide assistance to small business owners impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Visit [www.savesmallbusiness.com](https://www.savesmallbusiness.com) to apply for a grant.

## WAYS TO HELP

### Get Counted - 2020 Census

Completing your 2020 Census translates into the State and San José receiving essential federal funds for services like fire departments, hospitals, and health centers in our community for the next 10 years. You can respond online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or by phone 844-330-2020.

### Make a Donation to Silicon Valley Strong

The Silicon Valley Strong Fund offers financial assistance for our community's most vulnerable who are financially burdened in the wake of COVID-19. If you're able, consider making a donation to support our neighbors most in need. To make a contribution, text "SVStrong" to 41444.



## Times News

## County moves forward with Cortese's plans for Foster Youth UBI Pilot

*Young people transitioning out of the foster care to receive cash payments*

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved moving forward with a pilot program spearheaded by Supervisor Dave Cortese that would be the first in the nation to target the foster youth population with universal basic income at its board meeting on April 21.

Under this pilot program, young people transitioning out of the foster care system in Santa Clara County, those of 21 years old and up to 24 years old, would receive unconditional cash payments of \$1,000 a month from the period of June 2020 through May 2021.

The Board explored creating a program that would be responsive to the current needs of foster youth during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency, with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation being discussed as potential fiscal and strategical partner to help connect youth with appropriate service providers.

"Foster youth in our County face unique obstacles and challenges, with a disproportionate amount experiencing homelessness, poverty, and multiple chronic health conditions. These discrepancies have only been exacerbated by our current health pandemic," said Supervisor Cortese who brought the pilot program to the Board of Supervisors last August. "This program will give foster youth the tools they need to be successful to help them achieve parity in education, employment and income."

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TutorForAll provides a free online tutoring program. From (left to right) are: Chetana Marupeddi, Swasti Johri, Jessica Qu, and Helen Feng.

## Dream to STEAM nonprofit providing free online tutoring program: TutorForAll

As Shelter-In-Place procedures continue, Dream to STEAM, a student-led nonprofit based in Evergreen, decided to reduce the impacts of COVID-19 on students' education by providing a free online tutoring program: TutorForAll.

Even before school closures, many students were struggling with keeping up with their school curriculum. Shelter-In-Place has led to many students' education being curtailed. Being students themselves, the nonprofit's volunteers and board members can empathize with countless students who are having trouble keeping up with school curricula and may be underprepared for their upcoming standardized tests.

As juniors nearing the end of the school year, board members Rahul Cherkuri and Hari Balachandran felt the immense impact of Shelter-In-Place on their education, leading them to recognize the need for a free and accessible tutoring program amongst

the board.

Dream to STEAM offers a free K-12 tutoring program inclusive of a variety of subjects including: Elementary Subjects, K-12 Math (including AP), Biology (including AP), Chemistry, Physics (including AP), Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Computer Science (including AP), Chinese (including AP), and Spanish (including AP).

To top it all off, TutorForAll makes sure that no student is turned away by meeting the needs of every student. The program finds qualified tutors to meet a student's needs if they require help in a subject not already offered.

This program is a great opportunity for volunteering and free one-on-one tutoring during these trying times.

If you or someone you know might be interested in being matched with a tutor, or becoming a tutor, please visit [dreamtosteam.weeblysite.com/tutorforall](http://dreamtosteam.weeblysite.com/tutorforall) to find out more about this program and to register.



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# SJECCD

*Continued from page 1*  
Randles’ three minute presentation to the Board of Trustees included data on how SJECCD is underserving San Jose by not having more course offerings which results in over 12,000 San Jose community college students having to attend De-Anza Foothill and another 5,800 attending West Valley which have more class offerings. Also provided were PDF files containing the presentation and notes.

**Randles’ Presentation:**  
“Is SJECCD meeting its mission, vision, or core values?”

“This is the most recent information I could find on the SJECCD web site that portrayed the number of full time equivalent students (FTES) by city of residence. These numbers are for the period of 2011 – 2015 for Fall FTES. It is reasonable to assume that the numbers from 2016 through 2019 are much the same.

At first glance these numbers look very good and portray that we are serving the students in our community college district. We have a trend of 13,000 plus FTES students from our local community. Approximately 20% of our FTES population at SJECCD is from other community college districts in our area.

Does this mean then that SJECCD is meeting its mission, vision, or core values? If we look at the next to slides for Foothill De Anza Community College District and West Valley-Mission Community College District, we will see that we are not and there is a large inequity in the community and student population that we are supposed to be serving.

## Foothill – De Anza Community College District

San Jose residents are basically 50% of the population of the Foothill – De Anza Community College District.

At Foothill De Anza colleges San Jose student residents are six times more than the population of Cupertino, Milpitas, Mountain View, and Palo Alto.

San Jose student residents are more than three times the population of Sunnyvale students attending Foothill – DeAnza.

## West Valley-Mission Community College District

SJECCD student population is basically equal to the population of the West Valley-Mission College District student population and are at least twice the population from other college districts

### Summary

These trends and numbers between the community college districts have not changed significantly over the years.

SJECCD is not serving over 50% of its community college student population. Instead these students are having to attend other community college districts in the area.

SJECCD is not significantly attracting students from other community col-

lege districts.

### Why?

Why are our SJECCD programs not attracting students from other districts?

Why are more than 50 % our own SJECCD students having to attend other community colleges to get their educational needs met?

Is it possible that this is intentional simply because the district is choosing to remain as a Basic Aid district [aka Excess Tax District)?

Foothill – De Anza Community College District is a CA Revenue Limit funding district which can be more challenging, however that district is able to serve our population better than we are able to serve our own.

### Question

Is SJECCD meeting its mission, vision, or core values?

These numbers show significant signs of inequity in education. In a time of Covid-19 we are seeing gross inequity and disparity in health care, workforce income and workforce reserves across the state. The education that SJECCD has been delivering to its community and students is yet another example of where we need to do better.

Read our mission statement, our vision and core values. Given the information provided here, see if you think we are really in alignment.

### Mission

As a leading educational institution, the mission of SJECCD is to meet the diverse educational and workforce needs of our community by empowering our students to become agents of socioeconomic change.

### Vision

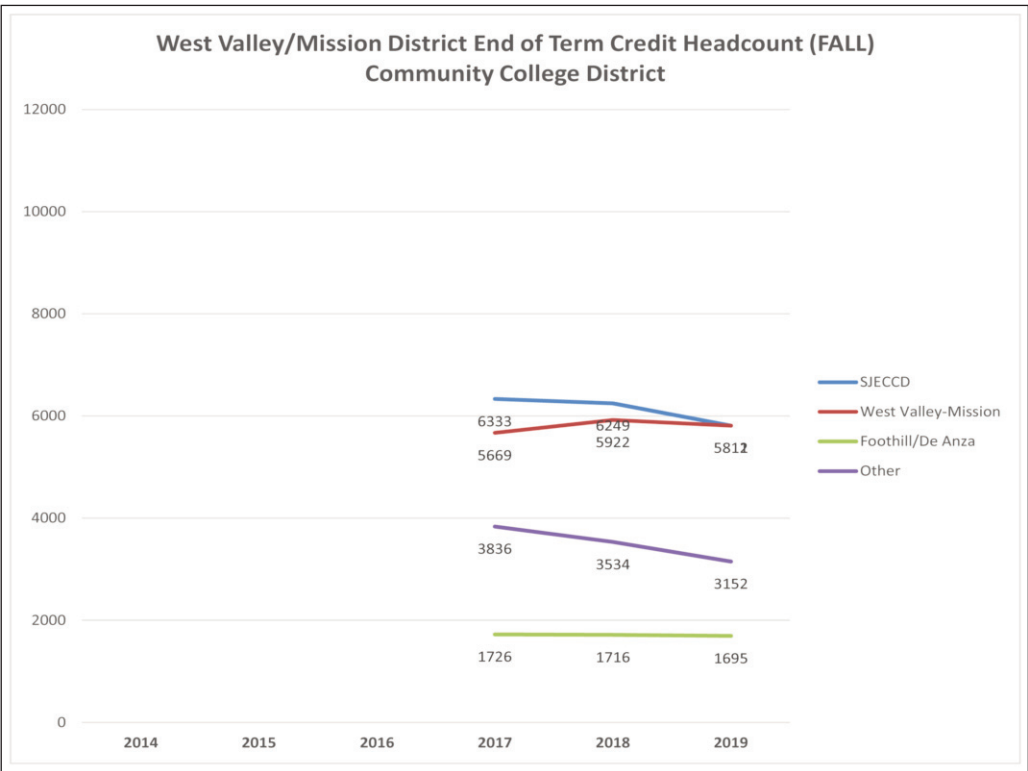
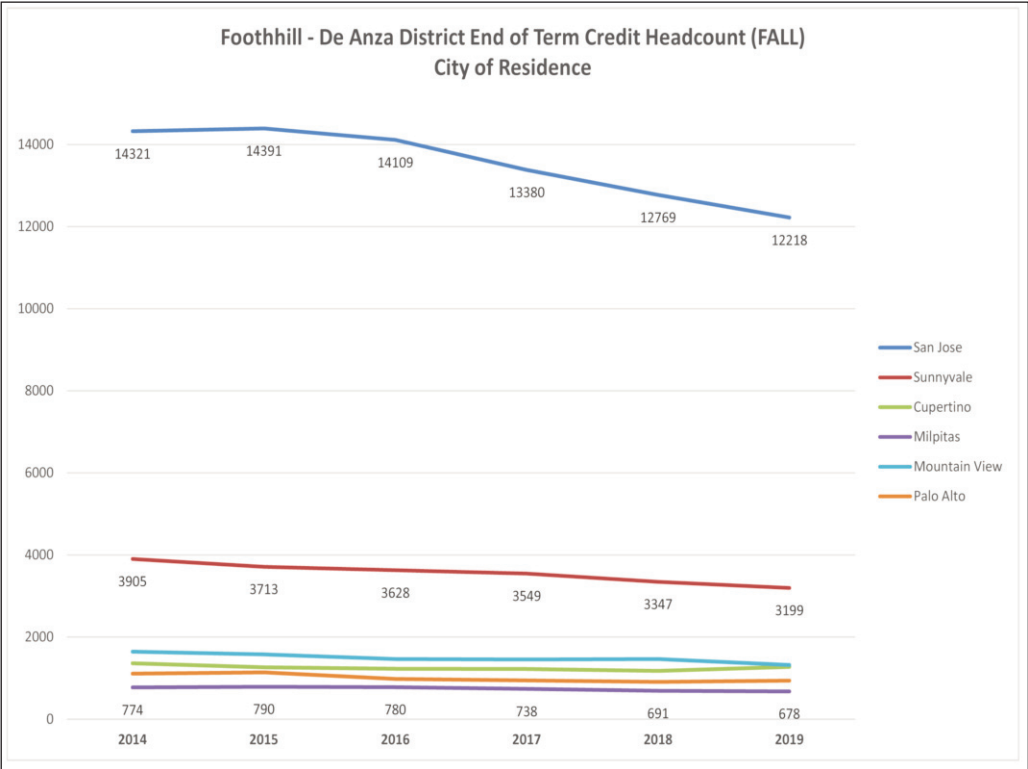
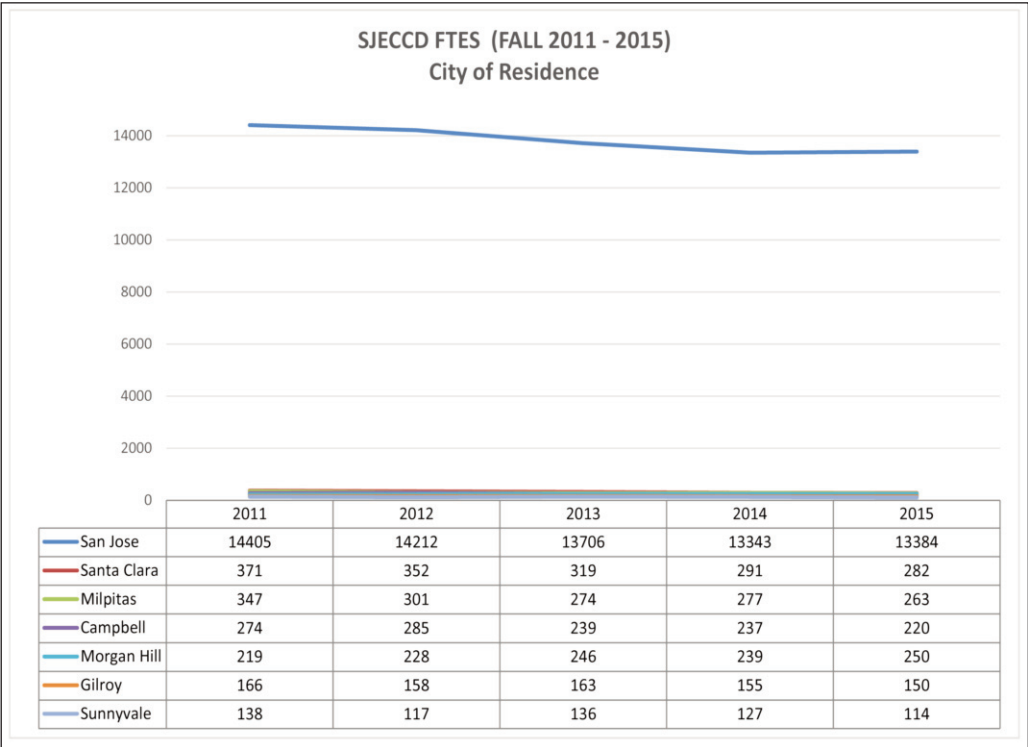
SJECCD is the premier post-secondary education institution in our region for advancing opportunity, equity, and social justice through educational excellence.

### Core Values

Our District's core values are opportunity, equity and social justice. Each one of these values is incorporated into our strategic planning and is a part of the foundational commitments we make to our communities.

"Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland has suggested continuing the conversation to an unknown future date" said Evergreen resident Robert Reese. "The SJECCD Board of Trustees and Chancellor have long known that SJECCD underserves the San Jose community through its limited course offerings," Reese said. "They have not sufficiently acknowledged that SJECCD underserves San Jose nor have they prepared a plan of action to remedy the inequity for San Jose students."

SJECCD has been pursuing tax measures to be placed on the November 2020 ballot totaling nearly \$900M. The 2016 Bond was for \$750M. "In four years they will have asked San Jose residents for \$1.65 billion and yet they still do not address chronically underserving the community by insufficient class offerings to draw San Jose students," Reese said.





Times **Community News**

# What a difference a month makes

By **Gayle Kludt**  
*San Jose Host East Valley  
 Lions Club Secretary*

**W**ow, in fact, wow doesn't even cover it!

A month ago, I was up in the morning readying for work as usual, and going about my regular daily routine. Today things are so much different. My school district has closed, shopping has become a scavenger hunt and I, like all of you, am sheltering in place. However, I am an optimist, I believe people are basically good and we will get through this together, with or without toilet paper.

Luckily the San Jose Host East Valley Lions were able to have their last regular meeting on March 10th. Good news, we were also able to hold our annual Student Speaker Contest on March 11th, work on the recent county wide elections for 11 days as voting assistants and couriers, collect and deliver 80 items to the Grateful Garment Project and do our usual pick up of glasses, cell phones, and hearing aids, all of which are now stored in my garage for distribution. Bad news, the Sunnyvale Host Lions had to cancel their annual St. Patrick's Day party, our Lions district cancelled their annual trip to the City of Hope center, and we had to postpone our club's 100th anniversary party which was scheduled for April 19th.

However, thanks to email, Zoom, and the good ol' telephone, we are still able to work on our

greenhouse project at James Lick High School, continue with our monthly pick-ups and have rescheduled our 100th party for August 8th.

While we have cancelled all our meetings and activities up through and including the first week in May, we will continue to do our community work, if in a different way.

Hopefully by the time I am writing next month's column, things will be a little more normal, if perhaps a new normal. What is of most importance is that we continue to

help our neighbors, family and friends, and keep in contact with those who might need our assistance now more than ever. I was most impressed with a group of local high schoolers who offered to shop and do errands, free of charge.

So stay home, take care of yourself and try to do one kind thing each day. I have found that will indeed make your day. And really, knock off that toilet paper thing.

We're looking forward to sharing our events and activities in early May. We serve.

The San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Red Lobster restaurant, Capitol at Aborn. You are all most welcome to attend once the coronavirus situation has passed. Please confirm attendance by contacting me at kludt-gayle70@gmail.com. Additional information is available at our website, [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/sanjosehost](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/sanjosehost)



**The Lions' Lair**  
 By Gayle Kludt  
 Club Secretary

# Rotary Club hosts first Zoom meeting

By **Sara Calkins**  
*Rotary Club of San Jose East/  
 Evergreen*

**T**he Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen had its first ZOOM meeting on April 9 since the order to Shelter in Place was made in March. It took us a few minutes to get organized but it was wonderful to see and hear from our members again. It was also wonderful to get back into service to our community which was the focus of our discussion

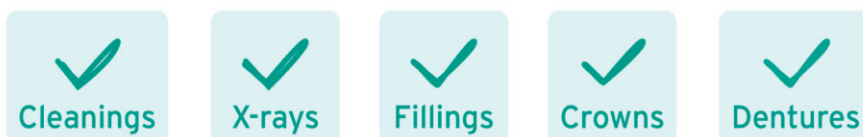
that day.

Our Director of Community Service, Francesca Medina reports, "This month we are giving a monetary gift of \$500 to Second Harvest Food Bank due to the urgent need to provide food to those in need and affected by unemployment and the Shelter in Place ordinance. Over the next two months we will contribute the same base amount with additional donations from members who wish to donate. This is ... a way for members to feel an emotional value/connection since we are constrained with being in isolation right now."

We will continue to meet on Thursdays via ZOOM until we can, once again, gather as a club.

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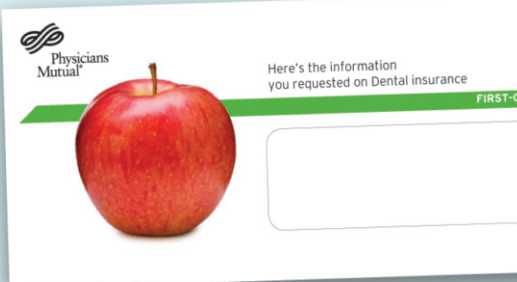
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**SOME BIRDS  
AND BEES**

Evergreen resident Wesley Lee ventured out of his home last weekend to take some photos to lift his and our spirits. These photos were taken mostly in Montgomery Hill Park, some in Falls Creek Park, and in the Fowler Creek neighborhood. "These are anxious times but there's still plenty of time to enjoy God's creation all around us," Lee said.

*Photos by Wesley Lee*



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A photograph of three young children of diverse backgrounds sitting together and looking at a book. One child is pointing at the page.

A photograph of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a red and white striped shirt, looking down at a book he is holding.

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Times **Community News**

## Taiwanese American Chamber donates 10,000 masks to VMC Foundation

The Taiwanese American Chamber of Commerce in Northern California has donated 10,000 protective masks to local health care workers.

The donation was made through Supervisor Dave Cortese's Office to the Valley

Medical Center Foundation.

The masks arrived at Valley Medical Center on April 8 as a gift from the organization's President Christine Yu and Vice President David Huang.

On Tuesday, April 7, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Cortese's request for heightened measures to protect frontline healthcare workers from being exposed and later transmitting COVID-19 to patients.

## Our shelter in place effort is working; let's keep up the good work!

By Supervisor Dave Cortese  
*Special to the Times*

As we continue to follow Shelter in Place guidelines to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19, we are asking ourselves, "Is this working?" and "How much longer will we need to follow the guidelines?"

Dr. Sara Cody, the County's Health Officer, answered the first question during a presentation to the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 7. The statistics that Dr. Cody shared with us show that, yes, it's working.

The charts that she shared with us showed projections of the number of cases that would have been expected if we hadn't taken any shelter in place measures. The projection is 50,000 cases by May 1, and we are currently at 1,380. Of course, these are estimates, but they are based on the growth we've seen since February 9 when we had just nine cases.

Another trend is the rate of cases doubling, which also has slowed down. In early March, the cases were doubling every three days. Now, that rate for the number of cases doubling is about every two weeks.

These trends are very positive and are the result of our following the shelter in place guidelines by staying at home, only going out when necessary, wearing masks when we're around others and quarantining ourselves when we do not feel well.



**County Report**  
By Dave Cortese  
Supervisor

But don't think for a minute that it is time to relax our shelter in place measures. Dr. Cody says we still haven't reached a peak in cases and the numbers would surely rise if we don't follow the guidelines. So, keep up the good work.

How long will shelter in place last? That question is harder to answer.

Dr. Cody says public health officials would need to reach four targets before moving beyond the shelter in place phase:

- Our hospitals would have the capacity to treat everyone who needs care.
- We would have the ability to test broadly.
- We would be able to carefully investigate every case.
- And we would see a sustained reduction in cases for at least two weeks.

We're not there yet, but we have seen encouraging signs. In the words of Dr. Cody, "There is a lot of uncertainty. We need to get comfortable with uncertainty. We're in it for the long haul."

To keep up with daily and accurate information provided by the Public Health Department on COVID-19, please visit [sccphd.org/coronavirus](http://sccphd.org/coronavirus).

The County has also called for a local inventory of personal protective equipment for health care workers and ventilators to prepare for a surge of cases. If you are an individual or business with a large quantity of gloves, N95 masks, safety goggles, hand sanitizer containers and any kind of ventilator, please visit [www.sccphd.org/cv19ppe](http://www.sccphd.org/cv19ppe).

Thank you for uniting as a community to face this enormous public health challenge. I am very proud of the County's response and the response of residents to this crisis. You are following the shelter in place guidelines, showing compassion to others and donating generously to coronavirus relief funds.



Talking to kids about coronavirus can be challenging, but experts share best practices. From right, health screener **Braden Chinn** checks the hearing of 5-year-old **Hazel L.** as part of the Healthy Kids Foundation's free screenings for students in the South Bay. *Photo by Katie Lauer*

## How to talk to your kids about the coronavirus

By Lorraine Gabbert

*Article courtesy of San José Spotlight*

In a TikTok video, toddlers wearing pajamas sing, "We're in quarantine. Yes, we're in quarantine. Germs go away! Germs go away!"

Although adorable, the video exemplifies that even kids are processing the effects of the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, especially as they're cooped up at home with a barrage of information surrounding them.

Some young children refer to the infectious respiratory disease as a "sickness that affects old people," "sends people to the hospital," and "is making us stay at home," said Karina Tamayo, a San Jose licensed marriage and family therapist. Older children associate coronavirus with fear, panic, death, frequent hand washing, and social distancing, she said.

The question is, how do we talk to kids about it?

"It's like sex," said Dr. Rebecca Jedel, who has a practice in San Jose. "Talk about it early, often and organically."

Don't wait for kids to come to you and make talking about the coronavirus a regular daily conversation, she added. "Just like sex, you don't want the media to be their education," Jedel said, "particularly with the teens. You want to be the source and the mediator of their information."

The highly-infectious disease has taken root in Silicon Valley, one of the hotspots in the country for the most coronavirus cases and deaths. As of Tuesday, county public health officials said 30 people have died and another 890 have tested positive for COVID-19.

San Jose city officials ruffled feathers this week by saying up to 2,000 people could die in a matter of months if nothing is done. Top county leaders disputed those figures, but acknowledged 5,000 to 10,000 more people could become sick.

Children are often bombarded by these messages. That's why Dr. Andrea J. Ancha, Psy.D, who has offices in Campbell and Florida, suggests asking kids what they know and want to know about COVID-19.

"Leaving kids in the dark may make them worry more and foster confusion," she said.

To reduce anxiety, Ancha recommends parents remain calm and reassuring while

talking about COVID-19. She tells her patients that being sick with COVID-19 are like having the flu and can lead to a fever, cough or a hard time taking deep breaths. Taking her cue from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Ancha said it's OK to tell kids that the disease has made a lot of people sick, but scientists and doctors think most people will recover.

The CDC says to allay children's anxiety by telling them that even if they do get sick, it doesn't mean they have COVID-19, as many kinds of germs can lead to illness. Ancha says it's OK to admit not knowing something.

"Say, 'Doctors and medical experts are working really hard to figure that out and mom and dad will let you know,'" she said. "It's more important that they feel they can come to you and seek comfort, rather than your having all the answers."

Parents can use this as a learning opportunity with their children by looking up information on CDC's website together.

Children's fears and concerns often revolve around their health and the health of their loved ones. They have posed tough questions like, "Are we going to get sick?" and asked whether someone they know and love may die, Tamayo said.

Common misconceptions children have shared with her include young children believing that everyone who gets coronavirus will die, only older people can get sick, and this will never end. Teens think since they're young and healthy, they shouldn't have to shelter in place.

"If a child has a fear about how the coronavirus is going to affect grandma and grandpa," said Dr. Ashanti Woods, MD., FAAP, in the Guardian, "a parent should be honest."

Woods suggests empowering them by saying that they can help by washing their hands, using a tissue or having FaceTime visits with their grandparents.

It's helpful to avoid feelings of helplessness by singing words like "we are participating," and "we are choosing," when referring to the shelter-in-place orders. This creates a feeling of control.

When talking to kids about a deadly pandemic like the coronavirus, the World Health Organization says it's important to be supportive, listen to their concerns, and give children extra love and attention.



Times Features

# More affordable housing in the midst of COVID-19

By Jim Beall

State Senator, District 15

California is in uncharted waters. Together we are working to bend the curve and stop the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Governor Newsom has continued to lead and prepare California for the unknown and the very worst.

These unprecedented times call for urgent action to help protect the most vulnerable in our communities. Keeping people in their homes and building more affordable housing must be at the top of our priority list.

COVID-19 is illuminating what we already knew: there is a dramatic shortfall of 1.5 million units of affordable housing. With unemployment rates skyrocketing, more and more Californians are facing housing insecurity. While rent moratoriums provide a short-term reprieve, once they are lifted, an even greater number of

families will face homelessness.

We cannot expect cities to manage the homeless crisis in silos with no financial certainty from one year to the next. Despite best efforts before COVID-19, in San Jose for every one person, we house three more face homelessness. It is time to develop smarter and more strategic long-term housing solutions. We must include deliberate investments that prioritize the construction of affordable housing. One-time emergency funding for the pandemic is not enough to address the housing crisis that existed long before COVID-19 struck. To truly address the housing crisis, we must look beyond another one-time investment to shelter those on

our city streets. Instead, it is time to bend the curve of homelessness and work together with the state, counties, and cities to implement a long-term solution that will build the 1.5 million units of affordable housing California families need.

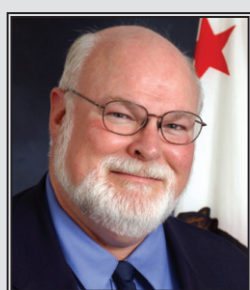
We introduced SB 795 to recreate a sustainable state fund source, with the sole purpose of tackling the current affordable housing crisis and help California's most vulnerable families. The bill provides the mechanism to quickly distribute funds and creates new jobs while providing strong accountability to ensure the funds are used effectively. With the input of

my colleagues in the Legislature and mayors and local leaders across the state, we

can amend this bill further to meet our current and future needs.

An on-going investment in housing production will be difficult in today's fiscal climate. But we can't continue to operate business as usual. We must prioritize programs that are essential and serve our most vulnerable. We need to pass a stimulus measure to boost our economy and get people back to work. SB 795 provides that boost. An independent fiscal analysis of a previous iteration of SB 795 estimated that the bill will generate 329,000 jobs, more than \$60 billion in economic activity and \$2.5 billion in additional state and local tax revenue over a 10-year span.

I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Governor to develop a budget that continues to deal with the crisis at hand and invests in long-term solutions to address our stubborn housing issues.



**Assembly Report**  
Jim Beall  
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## OP ED

# Senior living struck hard

By Marcel Gemme

Special to the Times

There's so much news about COVID-19 that it can be easy to get overwhelmed and overlook our highest-risk population, the elderly.

We know at this point that the virus is especially deadly for those over 65, with up to 80% of deaths being within that age group. But many people don't realize that many people who fall within this demographic are currently living in group settings such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and retirement communities.

These stories often get buried within the headlines, but many senior living communities were struck hard. In some cases, as many as 16 people have been infected in one facility, with several people dying. This is because communal settings such as these are the antithesis of CDC recommendations for social distancing and isolation measures. But unfortunately, many of these people have no other place to go.

To say that we were ill-prepared for a pandemic of this nature is an understatement. Knowing what we know about infectious diseases, measures, and preparations for this scenario should've been in place a

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## Learning

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The District has initiated a Technology Loan Program in which schools have provided Wi-Fi enabled devices in order for their students to participate in Distance Learning.

Evergreen staff members have been participating in Google Classroom professional development to prepare them for the challenges of Distance Learning.

**What parents and students can expect**

**Elementary Direct Instruction:**

- Daily assignments including
- 15-20 minutes of Math instruction daily
- 15-20 minutes of English Language Arts instruction daily
- Office Hours with teachers daily

**Middle School Direct Instruction:**

Middle schools have developed a modified schedule. Each period has an established time block. Within the time block teachers may utilize synchronous and asynchronous instruction. The goal is to allow dedicated, period by period, support for students. Teachers will plan activities to engage students while making their best effort to eventually include synchronous time for check-ins and or instruction.

**Class Period Schedule:**

All schools and teachers sent a schedule to indicate when students will attend classes and when they will have a designated time for them to engage with their teacher for that specific time period. The dedicated times are for student connection with their teacher to review content and assignments, have small group discussions, and/or interact with classmates.

**Office Hours:**

Office hours are a time set aside when students/parents can meet with their teachers to discuss the material being presented in class, ask questions, seek clarification, etc. Office hours can take place in multiple formats. Staff will utilize a combination of Google Meet, Zoom, phone conference and email as appropriate for their students and their communities.

**Level of Engagement:**

Engagement for each class will

	Take Care of Yourself	Take Care of Others	Take Care of Business
<b>Distance Learning</b>	Find a quiet place where you can hear your teacher and background noise will not interfere with your learning  Dress appropriately for a normal school environment	Inform your parents when you are entering a video conference with a teacher or class  Avoid any side conversations with classmates	Use language & vocabulary as you would in a traditional classroom  Press the mute button on your video platform so that you can hear your teacher better. Only unmute when sharing your thoughts
<b>Technology</b>	Come to class with Chromebook charged  Keep login, passwords, and private information private  Use technology appropriately	Be respectful of others online  Always THINK before posting a comment (is it True, is it Helpful, is it Inspiring, is it Necessary, is it Kind?)	Take care of your Chromebook  Be careful if eating or drinking around your Chromebook  Stay on task when using technology

be determined based on a student's participation, demonstrated in the following ways:

- Check-ins as scheduled (during assigned period)
- Submission of work/assignments as posted by teacher
- Responding to postings and/or emails for each period during the designated time for each period

If a student becomes ill and is unable to engage with their classes, parents/guardians are to e-mail teachers to let them know.

**Grading:**

At the time of school closure, elementary students just completed Trimester 2. For Trimester 3, students will receive feedback in the "teacher comments" area of the report cards. Traditional grades will not be provided.

Due to the timing of the school closure, all middle school students will receive 'NM' or 'no mark' for Quarter 3. Students will receive a 'P' or 'pass' or "NM" or 'no mark' for Q4. Final grade (P/NM) will be posted in PowerSchool.

**Confidentiality:**

Consistent with Education Code section 51512, the unauthorized use of listening or recording devices in any classroom, which shall include online classrooms, without the prior consent of the teacher and the principal of the school is prohibited.

**Guidelines for Students**

- Students should inform their parents when they are entering a video conference with their

teacher or class.

- A quiet place should be set aside where background noise will not interfere with your learning from an online teacher.

- Students are asked to dress appropriately for a typical school environment.

- Students should use language & vocabulary as you would in a traditional classroom.

- Student should put their screen view on the teacher's device.

- Students should avoid any side conversations with classmates.

- It is recommended that the mute button on the video platform be implemented for better audio, and unmute only when a student shares his or her thoughts.

**Virtual Classrooms Norms & Expectations:**

Much like in the physical classrooms at the beginning of the year, teachers and students are developing norms and expectations for their new virtual classrooms. Students will be clear on what is expected and how to succeed in class. Parents are asked to discuss proper online etiquette before your student joins the virtual classroom.

Pictured above are some ways that teachers will be encouraging students to be successful using Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS).

For more information, access our district's webpage: [eesd.org](http://eesd.org).

## Seniors, continued

long time ago. Now that it has hit, it's impossible to dissolve facilities such as these, prisons, shelters, and treatment centers or do anything to make them less susceptible. These facilities are a double-edged sword, due to their exclusivity and isolation.

Fortunately, the same factors that make them susceptible can also be an advantage when it comes to

prevention. Many facilities have gates, or staff assigned to prevent people from just coming and going. These should be used to make sure the virus isn't brought in, which includes residents leaving and coming back in. Ill-prepared facilities should utilize this infrastructure to turn the tide on any COVID-19. As the virus progresses, maintaining healthy protocols is essential to keeping residents safe.

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Sunday 9:30 AM  
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