

Dave Cortese, CASA Steering Committee

District 3 Supervisor | County of Santa Clara



Prior to joining the Board of Supervisors and being elected as its President, **Dave Cortese** served eight years on the San Jose City Council, including two years as Vice Mayor. He grew up in San Jose as part of a family that has been active in civic, cultural, and business activities for generations. He is married to Pattie and has four children. His strong local roots and love for this county fuel his passion for public service.

Supervisor Cortese was educated at Bellarmine College Prep and U.C. Davis where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He earned his juris doctorate at Lincoln University Law School in San Jose.



The County of Santa Clara is located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay and encompasses 1,312 square miles. The fertile Santa Clara Valley runs the entire length of the county from north to south, ringed by the Diablo Range on the east and the Santa Cruz Mountains on the west. Salt marshes and wetlands lie in the northwestern part of the county, adjacent to the waters of San Francisco Bay.

Today, the county is a major employment center for the region, providing more than a quarter of all jobs in the Bay Area. It has one of the highest median family incomes in the country and a wide diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and talents. The County of Santa Clara continues to attract people from all over the world.