



Senator Dave Cortese

District 15 - Democrat

Counties Represented:
Portions of Santa Clara
(Gilroy, Moran Hill, portions
of San Jose) county.

About Dave Cortese:

During his nearly three decades in public service, Dave has brought the community together to address and reduce homelessness, combat climate change, expand public transit options, reform Santa Clara County's jail custody operations, and fight for the rights of immigrants. He grew up in San Jose as part of a family that has been active in civic, cultural, and business activities for generations. Dave graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory then University of California, Davis where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. He earned his Juris Doctorate at Lincoln University Law School in San Jose. He has four children and is married to his wife Pattie Cortese who is currently a Trustee on the East Side Union High School Board. As a California State Senator, Dave intends to continue and expand on the successful work he has done in Santa Clara County and apply as many solutions as possible statewide. That includes addressing climate change through building decarbonization, increasing California's housing stock, shifting the focus of our justice system from incarceration to rehabilitation, and fighting sexual assault and gender-based violence.

Member Priorities & District Issues

Member Priorities

- Education;
- Homelessness Crisis;
- Climate Change;
- Immigrant Rights

Committee Membership

Standing Committees

- Chair, Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee
- Education
- Housing
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Select Committee Student Success

Legislation

- SB 2 - Statewide Longitudinal Student Database
- SB 56 - University of California, Riverside School of Medicine: expansion

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