County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors approves $225,000 for new Health Trust Client Services and Operations Center

The Health Trust will receive funding to provide a one stop shop for healthy food, case management, and health services for vulnerable residents

San Jose, CA – On Friday, June 14, 2019, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a one-time payment of $225,000 to The Health Trust for renovation of a space that will serve as a new Client Services and Operations Center. The center will provide a one-stop shop consisting of healthy food, case management, and health services for vulnerable Santa Clara County residents. Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, District 4, championed the project.

“Supporting our community-based organizations that are already effectively working to protect our children and stabilize our families with their services, is not only prudent but necessary,” said Supervisor Susan Ellenberg. “I’m proud to support the Health Trust’s mission to build health equity in our community and look forward to a day when no child or family is left hungry in this Valley we call home.”

Located in contiguous spaces at 46 Race St., 48A Race St., and 1043 Garland Ave., preparations for opening the Center include renovating The Health Trust’s existing 3,200 square foot Jerry Larson FOODBasket, which serves as a hub for Meals on Wheels and The Health Trust’s other food and nutrition services, as well as two adjacent spaces that are also under Health Trust lease. These two spaces will include client meeting rooms, new case management workspaces, and health education/disease self-management workshop space, all of which will include ADA accessible upgrades.

“Being able to co-locate nutrition, case management, and health support services in a convenient location near downtown San Jose and public transportation is a huge win for the populations we serve,” said Michele Lew, CEO of the Health Trust. “The County’s support makes this possible and will be instrumental in our efforts to secure additional funding for this project.”

Targeted to open in the next twelve months, The Health Trust is actively pursuing other funding partners for the Center. The total renovation cost of the Center is approximately $1,500,000.

When completed, The Health Trust will be able to serve over 2,000 local residents who are low-income and facing health challenges. These capital improvements will
also create future capacity for The Health Trust to serve as a resource for other community-based organizations that want to provide clients with healthy, consistent food assistance but do not have the internal capacity to do so.

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**About Susan Ellenberg**
Santa Clara County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg represents a diverse population of more than 400,000 residents in District 4. This district includes the unincorporated communities of Burbank and Cambrian as well as the cities of Campbell and Santa Clara and West San Jose. Supervisor Ellenberg was sworn into office January 2019 following a decisive election win in November 2018. She serves as the Chair of the County's Public Safety and Justice Committee and the Vice Chair of the Health and Hospitals Committee. She currently serves as a commissioner on First 5 Santa Clara County, and sits on the boards of Joint Venture Silicon Valley and Silicon Valley Clean Energy. To learn more, please visit [https://www.sccgov.org/sites/d4/Pages/home.aspx](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/d4/Pages/home.aspx).

**About The Health Trust**
The Health Trust is an operating foundation founded in 1996. Our mission is to build health equity in Silicon Valley. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to be healthy - especially the most vulnerable. To that end, we fund community-based organizations and public agencies whose work aligns with our mission, provide direct services, and advocate for policies and initiatives that help advance our mission. To learn more, please visit [healthtrust.org](http://healthtrust.org).