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Dana Reed, Director
Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Preparedness
55 West Younger Avenue
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Director Reed:

On behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, I write to you to request consideration of a multi-lingual emergency alert system throughout our county.

The Cities Association is a collaboration of the 15 cities of Santa Clara County and advocates to enhance the quality of life for the people of our county. It is understood that currently there is no existing system that provides emergency alerts in a language other than English in Santa Clara County. Considering that our communities are multi-lingual, we request providing emergency messages to both English speaking and non-English speaking.

As U.S. populations grow, the population of our communities and non-English speaking residing constituents will also grow. The safety of our constituents in times of disaster is important to all of our communities across Santa Clara County. Through collaboration, we look forward to meeting the needs of our residents and visitors and kindly request the review of solutions and options to consider for implementation of a multi-lingual emergency alert system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Tate
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Mayor, City of Morgan Hill

Cc: Cities Association Board of Directors