Supervisor Cindy Chavez represents more than a half million people in East, Central and South San Jose and has made equity the cornerstone of most of her policies. Regionally she is a member of the CalTrain Board of Directors, playing a leadership role in the electrification of Caltrain and planning for high-speed rail. She is also a commissioner representing Santa Clara County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and serves on the Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

Statewide, Governor Gavin Newsom just appointed Supervisor Chavez to the California Board of State and Community Corrections. The BSCC works in partnership with local corrections systems and assists efforts to make improvements in reducing recidivism.

Supervisor Chavez successfully mobilized the effort to shut-down Reid-Hillview Airport after a lead-study revealed the airport was poisoning residents and children.

The rise of deaths from the drug fentanyl that is cut into many drugs prompted Supervisor Chavez to create a working group to immediately begin a fentanyl public awareness campaign working directly with the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s office.

She is responsible for the majority of affordable housing in Santa Clara County after being the architect of the $950-million affordable housing bond passed by voters in 2016. She was instrumental in getting the necessary two-thirds vote for the bond measure to pass. Santa Clara County is way ahead of schedule in building the projects. The County has now funded 41 developments that total more than 4,400 homes throughout Santa Clara County – many of which are now in operation or nearing completion.

Her visionary policies include getting COVID vaccines into the arms of all Santa Clara County residents, improved services for physically & sexually abused children under one roof at the new Children’s Advocacy Center; more comprehensive help and resources for our foster youth; expansive, structural changes to digital and broadband services for Santa Clara County’s school children in disadvantaged areas and health care for all children.

In August 2020 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. During the last three years Board President Chavez mobilized women
to use the anniversary as an opportunity to register women to vote and get accurate Census 2020 numbers. Before the pandemic hit she organized a march through the downtown to bring attention to the importance of the anniversary now including women of color and the inequities that still exist.

Board President Chavez along with many of our non-profits in Santa Clara County lead an unprecedented movement to get a 400 percent increase in funding for survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking and gender-based violence. The goal is for the services to help change the trajectory of women’s lives in the areas of affordable housing, mental health, job training, education and child care.

She worked tirelessly with the district attorney, the crime lab and law enforcement to expedite the process of rape kits to 30 days.