



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

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This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer.

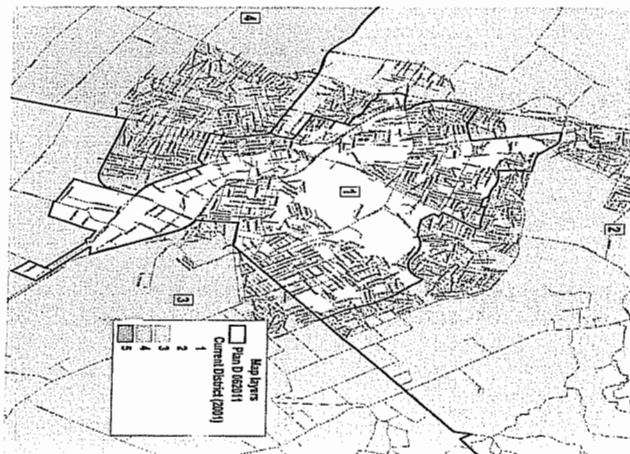
This Week's Topics: Monterey County's redistricting efforts are wrapping up and two county staffers receive state honors - a District Attorney investigator who worked on a high profile local case is "Investigator of the Year" and a county librarian is selected for a prestigious training program.

Administration/Intergovernmental Affairs

Every 10 years, Monterey County reviews its supervisorial district boundaries based on population. This keeps the districts as equal in population as possible, which is an important aspect of equal representation.

The redistricting process has been underway for about a year and the Board of Supervisors is poised to adopt a plan this month.

Monterey County has five districts and the ideal situation would be to divide the total population of the County (from the Census numbers) into five parts. Of course, dividing the county perfectly is not possible, so there is a



Monterey County's Census 2010 population is 415,057 and the deviation is over 13%. Given these numbers, the ideal district would be 83,011 people.

deviation allowance of up to 10% from the smallest to the largest district.

Important factors are considered in the redistricting process, such as protected populations under the Voting Rights Act, the 14th Amendment, communities of interest, geographic compactness and geographic boundaries. Community meetings are also held to receive public input.

The County appointed a 15-member Committee, staffed by a Coordinator and County Counsel, and hired a Demographer to analyze census data which is core to the process. That Committee has been meeting for six months and has reviewed about eight different scenarios with the data analysis. They have selected a Plan (called Plan D) which they are recommending to the Board. This plan only changes the populations of Districts 1 and 2 to achieve district balances.

Two public hearings this month before the Board of Supervisors are the last opportunities for comment on the plan. To find out more about how the redistricting process works, you can visit its page on the county website: <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/redistricting/>

District Attorney

Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo is pleased to announce that District Attorney Investigator (DAI) John Coletti has been selected as the “2011 California District Attorneys Association’s Investigator of the Year.”

One of many high profile cases assigned to Coletti was that of *People v. Kenney*. On January 31, 2007, Coletti was assigned as the lead investigator in this case which involved the double murder of Mel and Elizabeth Grimes. Coletti saw the prosecution to a successful conclusion through jury trial and sentencing, which culminated in guilty verdicts to two counts of murder and a special circumstance of multiple murders in 2008, and the defendant’s sentence to life without the possibility of parole shortly afterwards.



“Our office is extremely proud of DAI Coletti’s work in the Gang Prosecution Unit and Felony Prosecution Unit of the District Attorney’s Office,” says District Attorney Dean Flippo. “He has truly earned the distinction of being the 2011 California District Attorneys Association’s Investigator of the Year.”

In 2008, Coletti was selected by the Monterey County Peace Officers Association as the Outstanding Investigator of the Year. He has been an investigator with the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office since 2005 and is currently the lead investigator for the Gang Prosecution Unit.

Free Libraries

Monterey County Free Libraries' (MCFL) Youth Services coordinator, Courtney Martin has been selected to attend the prestigious Eureka Leadership Institute sponsored by the State Library.

Every year, 32 up-and-coming library leaders are selected from throughout California to attend an intensive, residential program for a week in September. Selection is through a highly competitive process which includes submitting two essays, three recommendations, and a nomination from the library director.

The Leadership Institute program is designed to be a transformational experience for participants. Each segment of the multi-day curriculum is interactive and built around small group work. Participants then return to their home libraries and continue to work on a Eureka-approved project that will benefit these local libraries in conjunction with other program participants. The State Library provides a grant of \$5,000 in support of each of the projects.



Courtney joined MCFL in 2006, working part-time as a Library Assistant in charge of the Aromas branch. In 2008 after she had obtained her Master of Library and Information Science degree, Courtney was promoted to Supervising Librarian in charge of the Gonzales branch. She recently transferred into the Youth Services position.

Courtney is the third MCFL librarian in four years to win the Eureka grant.

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