



A RECORD OF SERVICE

- Ten years experience as a criminal law attorney, representing many victims, including murder victims in the Santos case
- 2005 San Benito County Gang Task Force Participant

- Attended Foothill College and San Jose State University
- B.A., Peninsula University, 1991
- J.D., Peninsula University College of Law, 1993
- Graduate, San Jose Criminal Justice Training Center (reserve police academy), 1987
- Two-Term President of the San Benito County Bar Association
- Judicial Agency Roundtable Member, 1995-2000
- Member, Northern California Association of Counsel for Children
- San Benito High School Role Model Conference Mentor
- Member, American Bar Association

Art Cantu has a reputation for giving each client and each client's case his full and undivided attention.



Art Cantu for District Attorney

A PLAN FOR JUSTICE



Art Cantu confers with local attorney and former county prosecutor Greg LaForge outside the courtroom.

GANGS AND DRUGS

This is the most important issue facing San Benito County. Gangs are not only closely

associated with drug trafficking, but with many of our other crime problems as well. As District Attorney, I will make fighting gangs the number one priority of my office. I will have the DA's office work in partnership with the San Benito County Gang Suppression Unit, will enforce a strict policy of no plea bargaining of serious gang criminals, and will personally prosecute serious gang crimes and all criminal homicides in the courtroom. In addition, I will have my office work with other cities and counties to develop regional solutions to the gang crisis.

RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING

Having operated a successful law practice for the past ten years, I believe I can bring a healthy dose of private-sector business experience to the District Attorney's office, experience in making the most efficient use of the taxpayer's dollar. I will improve the office's relationship with the Board of Supervisors, work

within existing budget guidelines, make efficient use of limited resources, support the needs of law enforcement agencies, and give police greater access inside the DA's office.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Nothing can be more important than ensuring that the needs and rights of crime victims are recognized and addressed. Having represented many victims of crime over the years, I know the trauma and suffering that is endured by these individuals and their loved ones. That is why I will return the Victim Witness Unit to the District Attorney's office. The Victim Witness Unit provides critical assistance, guidance, and resources to victims and their families. The Unit is critical to developing an overall plan to fight gang violence.



Art Cantu is deeply concerned that the victims of crime are treated with respect and that their rights are protected.

PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORTS ART CANTU

Harry Damkar, San Benito County District Attorney (ret.)

Richard Boomer, Assistant Sheriff, San Benito County (ret.)

Mike Whitaker, former San Benito County prosecutor

Greg La Forge, former San Benito County prosecutor

Steve Engelhart, former Santa Cruz County prosecutor

CAUSE—Statewide Law Enforcement Association and its organizational affiliates:

Association of Special Agents-Department of Justice

State Park Peace Officers Association

State Employed Fire Fighters Association

California Highway Patrol Public Safety Dispatchers Association

Hospital Police Association

Fire Marshal and Emergency Services Association

California Fish and Game Wardens Association

California Association of Criminal Investigators

California Association of State Investigators

California Association of Fraud Investigators

California Association of Regulatory Investigators and Inspectors

Association of Motor Vehicle Investigators of California

California Association of Food and Drug Investigators

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*Art Cantu discusses
legal issues with
former District
Attorney Harry
Damkar.*



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