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*for* SAN BENITO COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



# **ART CANTU FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

## **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

## **A Plan for Justice**

- **Committed to prosecuting cases, including all homicide cases, personally**
- **Improve relationships with victim witness department and the families of victims. Place department under DA's office**
- **Give law enforcement agencies greater access to the District Attorney's office. Increase communication between peace officers and county prosecutors**
- **No plea bargaining of serious or violent criminals**
- **Work more closely with the Board of Supervisors and within existing budget guidelines**
- **Restore dignity and fairness to the District Attorney's office**