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Message Body:

I am a San Benito County Supervisor and have been very involved with collaborating and partnering with Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. We work together in the following manner and would respectfully ask your consideration to include us in the same district:

1. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments-This is a forum for planning and discussion of regional problems of mutual interest. We develop studies, plans and policy for action recommendations dealing with common concerns regarding land use, transportation, and housing.
2. Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Agency- The three counties including South Santa Clara County join efforts to bring attention and ultimately the creation of sustainable levees in the region that will protect lives, agriculture, and property.
3. Continuum of Care- San Benito and Monterey Counties have joined forces to create long term housing for the homeless in the region. Grant opportunities will be strengthened by this joint collaboration.
4. Workforce Investment Boards- The three counties work together to leverage resources, share information, partner for grant opportunities, and access tools that work for the good of all three entities.
5. Central Coast Broadband Consortium- Utilizing California State University Monterey Bay as the host the tri-county region applied for AARA funding but while we did not receive the award we did receive \$5 million in match money from the State. This will enable us to identify other funding mechanisms and additional projects within the mission of the group.
6. Central Coast Marketing Team- Cities, counties, and economic development corporations within the tri-county area are collaborating to focus on attracting investment, companies, and job generators to the area through events and conferences across the country. We leverage advertising/public relations and outreach dollars.
7. Imagination Coast- Public & private entities have joined to dedicate themselves to enhancing the quality of life in the tri-county region by innovation and discussion that provides a platform for what the future of our region could be and a roadmap to get there.
8. Small Business Development Center- Through SBA the SBDC provides access to tools, resources, and capital by partnering with cities, counties, economic development corporations, and Chambers of Commerce within the tri-county area.
9. Project 17- Based at the Marina Technology Center Incubator this project received SBA grant funding of \$600,000 over two years to bring technology advancements to the agricultural industry of the tri county area.

As you can see we are connected in so many ways and are moving forward in a positive manner.

Thank you so much for your dedication to the Redistricting Commission.

Margie Barrios
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