



Monterey County Office of Education

Leadership, Support, and Service to Prepare All Students for Success

*Dr. Nancy Kotowski
County Superintendent of Schools*

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to endorse the First Mayor's House of Salinas for its educational programs and services to Monterey County schools. The First Mayor's House offers professional development to teachers, along with lesson plans and field trip educational activities for students, at very little costs to schools. This provides access to local history education that is aligned to the California Standards for English language arts and literacy, history-social science, science, art, and mathematics. This is important more than ever as the new California History-Social Science Framework calls for increasingly culturally relevant and responsive curriculum and instruction that connects students to their history, community, and civic learning opportunities.

As the California County Superintendents Educational Services Division's Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee's History-Social Science Subcommittee's Region V Representative and President of the Bay Area Council for the Social Studies, I realize how fortunate our community is to have the educational supports provided by the First Mayor's House. I have been fortunate to collaborate with Mary Randall, Mary Jane Choate, and other First Mayor's House volunteers who dedicate countless hours and efforts to providing these enriching educational opportunities to Monterey County students and teachers, and engaging other community members in their efforts. This year they have been able to expand their offerings and the Monterey County Office of Education has been able to promote these in our Educational Services Catalog.

This coming year is even more exciting as it is being celebrated as the 150th anniversary of the city of Salinas, which students can celebrate and learn from in unforgettable ways that engage them with their local community.

I am very grateful for all that the First Mayor's House does for the students and community of Monterey County and hope that they receive the support they need to continue to pay it forward for years to come.

Sincerely,

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