

U.S. Attorney's Report to the District

With the re-election of the President, I will have the honor of continuing to serve as your United States Attorney. Much has been accomplished over the last three years, but now is an appropriate time to look forward to goals for a second term.

This office has focused relentlessly on mortgage fraud, and with great success. In the fiscal year that just concluded, this office charged more mortgage fraud defendants than any other U.S. Attorney's Office in the country. We still have much work to do in that area, but in a second term we will devote more resources to other white collar crime areas, including health care fraud, consumer fraud, and public corruption.

Disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking networks throughout the region will continue to be an important priority. We have been aggressively pursuing violent gang members and major drug traffickers. Many urban areas in the district continue to be plagued by violence, however, and going forward our narcotics and violent crime prosecutors will place greater emphasis on targeting those responsible. We will also emphasize the prosecution of organized crime, civil rights and hate crime offenses.

Our civil division has had tremendous success in securing compensation for destruction of national forest lands, and has collected record amounts from civil settlements and asset forfeiture actions. In the coming years, we will expand its role in responding to financial fraud and promoting compliance with civil rights laws, and make even greater use of asset forfeiture as a tool to enforce federal law.

Our mission is not only to prosecute offenders, but to enhance public safety. Toward that end, we will promote strategies that protect the community, including prescription drug abuse education, Project Safe Childhood outreach, and cyber security awareness. We are participating in a new re-entry court in this district, which we hope will prove effective in reducing recidivism.

In 2013 we will be establishing a new office in Bakersfield. Although we are in a period of fiscal restraint, we will continue to seek new resources to better serve this vast district, as we continue to build and diversify our workforce with outstanding new hires.

Over the last few years, this office has been extremely productive and effective. I have no doubt that it will continue to be successful over the next four years.

If you would like to communicate with our office, contact the main number in Sacramento, or submit a suggestion by clicking on the button below. Thank you.

United States Attorney

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