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## Board presents plan for new districts

Watsonville, Santa Cruz districts grew faster than others

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APTOS — With the 2010 census showing a greater population growth in Santa Cruz and Watsonville than in other parts of the county, the Cabrillo College Board of Trustees had to redraw some of their district maps.

The Board Redistricting Committee, consisting of trustees Alan Smith, Katy Stonebloom and Rachael Spencer, presented a proposal at a board meeting Monday.

The districts must be kept relatively close to one another in terms of total population. Additionally, the committee considered several factors in redrafting the boundaries.

"We didn't want to make any unnecessary changes," Stonebloom said. "We also looked at keeping communities of interest together and tried not to divide up a neighborhood."

There are seven trustee areas encompassing the county and small portions of northern Monterey County and northern San Benito County. The committee also looked into using natural geographic features such as rivers, political boundaries such as supervisorial districts and major arterial roads as boundaries when possible.

Trustee Rebecca Garcia, who chaired the city of Watsonville's recent redistricting, said she was pleased with the committee's work.

"I'm very pleased with how you have managed to keep the communities of interest together," Garcia said, referring to areas that have similar demographics.

The committee spent six months working on the new maps, and no one from the public spoke at the meeting nor did anyone express dissatisfaction with the proposed boundaries. Most of the changes involved contracting some boundaries around Santa Cruz and Watsonville and expanding others, because most growth in the county during the last decade took place in those two cities.

"The over-arching issue was the population went up significantly in

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Army recruiter Sgt. Michael Haberman from Gilroy talks to high school students in the Cabrillo College gym during a college recruiting fair that drew 70 college representatives.

## Nearly 4,000 attend Cabrillo's College and Careers Night

Students, parents look for information to help with future decisions

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APTOS — High school students, many accompanied by parents, jammed into the Cabrillo College gym Monday night looking for information on college and careers.

Melissa Brilino of Cabrillo's Transfer and Career Center estimated attendance at close to 4,000.

About three dozen colleges, public and private, were represented at the annual event, including some from out of state like Hawaii Pacific and University of Utah.

"Sure is a lot different from when I went to state," said one father.

College is much more expensive now: about \$32,000 for the freshman year at UC Santa Cruz, and more than \$50,000 a year for Stanford University.

Seniors must have their applications for state schools in by the end of November.

Laura Yassa, 17, of Soquel is a senior at St. Francis High School in Watsonville with a 3.85 grade-point average. She knows she wants to major in chemistry, so she can go into biomedical engineering.

She already sent in her application for Cal Poly

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Pajaro Valley High students Mario Medina and Geraldine Cortes listen to good things about Sacramento State University from a recruiter Monday night at Cabrillo College.

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San Luis Obispo, and she is working on her essays required for UCLA and UC Santa Barbara.

"That's the last thing I have to do," she said.

Is she concerned about the cost of college?

"Of course it matters," she said.

She plans to apply for scholarships and file the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

"That always helps," she said.

Younger students came to get a preview of their options.

Miguel Brummer, 17, a junior at Delta High School in Aptos, talked with Staff Sgt. Michael Haberman, an Army recruiter manning a table at the event.

Brummer is considering the military as a way to pursue his interest in law.

"They pay for the college," he said.

"We all know the statistics about students who graduate with debt," said his mom.

Cindy Miller came with her son, Ryan, a sophomore at Scotts Valley High School.

"We want as much information as possible, to see where he has the best fit," she said.

A former pro football player



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St. Francis High student Julian Thompson, far right, listens to NCSA athletic recruiter Julian Jenkins talk about putting together video and pictures for prospective colleges. Jenkins is a Stanford grad who played pro football for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Denver Broncos.

with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Denver Broncos, Julian Jenkins represented National Collegiate Scouting Association, an athletic recruiting business, at the event.

Julian Thompson, 17, of Capitola, captain of the St. Francis football team, was curious. He has a 3.3 grade-point average and is applying to colleges in California. He wants to go into the medical field but he was wondering if he might play

college football. Jenkins said his 5-foot-9 height could be an issue and advised him to get an official time in the 40-yard dash at the Nike Combine.

Jenkins said less than 1 percent of high school athletes get a full scholarship to play Division I.

Jenkins suggested student athletes "be open to all levels of competition. That way, you're setting yourself up for

success." The NCSA fee to get high school athletes exposure to college coaches averages \$800, he said, inviting teens to attend his talk at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Santa Cruz High School.

This year's College and Careers Night was initially planned for Oct. 31 before being rescheduled.

"We wanted to maximize our attendance," said Cabrillo counselor Eva Acosta.

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Santa Cruz and Watsonville, but not so much in the other areas," Smith said. Cabrillo President Brian King said the

college also worked with the county to make sure that the new districts would not overly burden the elections department.

The committee will present a final proposal in December. After the board votes on the new maps, the plan must be approved by the Department of Jus-

tice under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 because the community college district includes Monterey County, which must have all of its voting district changes reviewed.

The redistricting proposal, including maps, can be viewed at [www.cabrillo.edu/associations/governingboard/](http://www.cabrillo.edu/associations/governingboard/).