



TOWN OF MONTEREY

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Dear Tim,

I'm writing you to complement and thank you and Cartographic Associates for the superb digital cadastral mapping of Monterey. Seldom, if ever, have I been happier to write an endorsement of a service.

Your thorough analyses of the real estate deeds not only yielded a set of accurate and coordinated maps, it also cleared up a number of real estate mysteries, like "which roads are privately owned?". Acreage is now reported to the one thousandth of an acre and we know that the size of our town is considerably larger than previously thought. Every parcel record now carries a plat of the parcel defining its boundaries and most often, shows the footprints of all major structures. It is hard to explain what this quantum advance has meant to our citizens in terms of their confidence in our procedures and decisions.

We expected that Cartographic Associates' efforts would be central to the modernization of our assessing practices. What we didn't expect was the dramatically way the mapping would impact on the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, and the Planning Board. The ability to overlay real estate parcel boundaries on Massachusetts GIS data has changed the way Monterey does much of its business. As we develop our competence with Arcview and the other cadastral software, we'll be able to generate additional maps that relate specific data sets and further assist those departments.

Finally, I'd like to say that it has been a joy to work with Cartographic Associates. You have been very responsive and helpful at every turn. The day long "Open Meeting/Q&A" that you and Anthony hosted at our Town Hall explained the mapping project and demonstrated to the advantages of the cadastral mapping the townspeople. Similarly, your subsequent meeting with the Select Board and Town Departments demonstrated to all the wisdom of our choice when retaining your firm. You have guided us in this modernization and we look forward to your guidance in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob", written in black ink.

Robert A. Lazzarini
Member, Monterey Board of Assessors