

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard Constituent Office Hours

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's Los Angeles District Office is located at 255 East Temple Street, Suite 1860, in Los Angeles. The office hours are Monday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please feel free to come to the office and seek assistance from Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's staff. They can assist you in resolving problems with the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, and other federal agencies.

In addition to regular office hours at the District Office, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has special Constituent Office hours staffed by caseworkers to provide individual assistance to you and your family at the following locations:

2nd Tuesday of Each Month

Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Salazar Park Senior Center
3864 East Whittier Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90023

Maywood
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Maywood City Hall
4319 East Slauson Avenue
Maywood, CA

2nd Wednesday of Each Month

Bell
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue
Bell, CA

2nd Wednesday of Each Month

Commerce
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Commerce City Hall Annex
5550 Harbor Street
Commerce, CA

3rd Thursday of Each Month

Huntington Park
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Huntington Park City Hall
6550 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, CA

Cudahy
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Cudahy City Hall
5220 Santa Ana Street
Cudahy, CA

1st Thursday of Each Month

Bell Gardens
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Bell Gardens City Hall
7100 South Garfield Avenue
Bell Gardens, CA

South Gate
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
South Gate City Hall
8650 California Avenue
South Gate, CA

4th Tuesday of Each Month

Florence
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior Center
7600 Graham Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90001

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Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard Report to Seniors

33rd Congressional District ♦ California

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Dear Friends,

This year, Congress is poised to take action on two issues of vital importance to you and your family — Social Security and prescription drug coverage. The actions Congress takes now will have a major impact on the lives of seniors for years to come because of the vital role of Social Security and Medicare coverage.

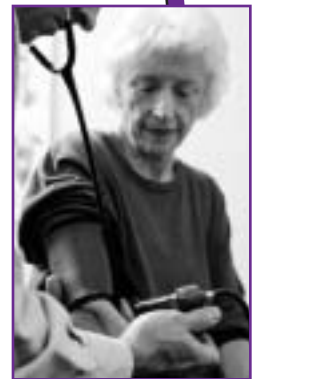
Social Security and Medicare have allowed generations of retirees to live with independence and dignity. In fact, without this dependable and consistent source of support, the poverty rate for seniors in our country would be a staggering 42%. It is critically important that these programs, and the protections they provide, be preserved.

I hope that you will find this information interesting and useful. If you would like to share your thoughts with me on these, or other important issues, please call my office at 213/628-9230. I also encourage you to visit my web site, www.house.gov/roybal-allard, for information about what is happening in our community and in Congress.

Warmest regards.

Lucille Roybal-Allard

Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress



Keeping the Security in Social Security

The Republican plan would revamp the current Social Security system and implement a system that includes private investment accounts. Their plan will drastically reduce guaranteed benefits. Privatizing the Social Security systems poses serious risks to both current retirees and future generations for several reasons:

Investing in the stock market is risky. Stock market returns go up and down. The Dow has fallen approximately 15% in the last 18 months.

Privatization would not



keep pace with inflation. Private accounts would not offer a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) each year the way that the current Social Security system does.

Privatization would be expensive to administer. You would likely lose between 20 and 40 percent of your account's value to administrative charges and manage-

ment fees. In contrast, Social Security's administrative costs are extremely low - less than 1% of total expenditures.

Disability and survivor benefits would be reduced. Under the privatization plan, a person who becomes disabled would be prohibited from investing further in the private account, resulting in a permanent lower benefit.

I oppose privatizing Social Security. I would like to hear what you think about what Congress should do to protect the retirement security of all Americans.

Championing Prescription Drug Coverage

Affordable prescription drug coverage is a life or death matter for America's seniors. At present, two competing prescription drug bills are under consideration by the U.S. Congress.

I support the Democratic



Prescription Drug Plan, which will provide seniors with guaranteed low-cost drugs through the

Medicare system and give seniors a choice in the drugs and the pharmacies they use.

In comparison, the Republican plan will cost seniors more, but cover less. It will restrict seniors' choices by letting the insurance companies dictate which drugs and which pharmacies seniors can use.

The chart below provides a detailed comparison between the two plans.

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Comparing the Plans

	Republican Plan	Democratic Plan
Guaranteed Minimum Benefit	No	Yes
Premium	Not specified. Estimated at: \$35/month, \$420/year	Specified. \$25 month, \$300/year
Deductible	\$250/year	\$100/year
Out of-pocket maximum	\$3,800/year	\$2,000 year
Co-insurance (amount you must pay)	20% for the first \$1,000 50% for the next \$1,000 100% for all remaining spending up to \$3,800	20% of costs between \$100 (the deductible) and \$2,000 (the out-of-pocket maximum)
Choice	No -Insurers choose which pharmacies and which drugs to cover	Yes -Any willing pharmacy is included in the network and any drug a doctor prescribes is covered

You can use the Internet to learn more about the two prescription drug plans and how they would affect your monthly medicine bills. Use the on-line calculator to compare the different benefits offered by the plans and estimate **your** annual savings! The web site is:

<http://www.house.gov/reform/min/>



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard spoke with seniors at Angelus Plaza about the future of Social Security and Medicare.

