



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

Year-End Report to the Community

December 2001

Responding to September 11th

Dear Friends,

On September 11, like all of you, I was shocked and horrified by the unconscionable attacks against our country and democracy. In the wake of these tragedies, however, I am continually inspired by the unity, heroism and heartfelt generosity displayed by our fellow Americans. We have much to be proud of and your outpouring of patriotism and compassion reaffirms why I feel so honored to represent you in Congress.


As a member of the Democratic Caucus' Homeland Security Task Force, I have devoted much of my time these past several months to ensure our country is safe and secure. I have also, however, continued to focus on the everyday issues that are important to our communities.

I am writing to give you an update on what's been happening in Washington and in our district since I last wrote you. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact my office at (213) 628-9230. As always, I want to assure you that I value your input and concerns.

Warmest regards.

Lucille Roybal-Allard

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
Member of Congress

 In response to the deplorable terrorist attacks of September 11, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard was appointed to the Democratic Caucus' Homeland Security Task Force. Selected by the Democratic leadership to be the Vice-chair of the Task Force's Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, she has been working to develop policies focusing on training of emergency workers; reaction to chemical and biological attacks; and coordination among local, state and federal governments.

The Task Force recently unveiled its legislative proposal to address the threat of bio-terrorism. The Bio-Terrorism Protection Act of 2001 or BioPAct, gives our cities, towns, and rural communities the necessary resources to prevent and respond to potential bio-terrorism attacks. The bill strengthens our public health system by authorizing the training of doctors, nurses, and emergency responders to identify and treat biological agents and ensure our nation has an adequate supply of vaccines and antibiotics to treat all Americans.

In order to ensure the needs of our local communities are incorporated into any legislation passed by Congress, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has met with various Los Angeles city and county experts on emergency preparedness. She has also solicited input from local fire departments, hospitals and community clinics.

The Task Force's next phase will be to develop a comprehensive "Homeland Security" bill to address other threats to our nation's security, including airline, border, port and mail delivery systems.

In addition, the Congresswoman was appointed to the Democratic Caucus' Working Group on Central Asia and the Middle East. This advisory group will develop programs and schedule speakers in order to broaden the Caucus' understanding of these culturally and politically complex regions.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard attends an October 25 press conference with Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, Los Angeles Mayor Hahn and House colleagues calling on Congressional leaders to take immediate action on aviation security. On November 16, Congress passed a comprehensive aviation security bill which included making airport baggage screeners federal workers.



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard Assists Los Angeles

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard, who serves on the influential Appropriations Committee, successfully secured funding for a variety of key Los Angeles-area projects. These important projects will benefit our community and the greater Southern California region by stimulating economic development and revitalization.

In addition, funding for several health, education, job training and transportation project requests are still pending and should be finalized by the end of the year.

▲ \$3 million for a Homeland Security Pilot Project which will coordinate efforts between the Department of Defense and local emergency response agencies, including those in Los Angeles, to improve communications and response efforts in the event of a large scale attack (nuclear or biological).

▲ \$2 million for LA's Best, a nation-

ally-recognized after-school program run by the City of Los Angeles.

▲ \$675,000 for the City of South Gate to repair and replace its aging sewer system.

▲ \$2.825 million for the Los Angeles port to deepen its main channel, allowing the port to receive larger container ships and thereby double its capacity over the next 10 years.

▲ \$2 million for the Los Angeles Conservancy to develop a performing arts center and renovate several historic theaters in the Broadway district of downtown.

▲ \$100,000 in seed money to develop a Digital Academy, a community-based high-tech job training center for at-risk youth in Boyle Heights.

▲ \$100,000 to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of re-establishing the historic Red Car trolley in downtown Los Angeles.

▲ Funding for a variety of non-profit organizations serving low-income families, seniors, and at-risk youth, including Angelus Plaza, Mothers of East LA-Santa Isabel, Cuban Resource Center, The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU), Project JADE (Juvenile Assistance Diversion Effort), and Para Los Niños.

▲ \$2 million for clean-up of a

uranium mine tailings site in Moab, Utah that is perilously close to the Colorado River, one of the main sources of drinking water for Southern California;

▲ \$400,000 for a study of the Los Angeles County shoreline, including commercial marine activity, flooding, contaminated coastal sites, and erosion.

▲ \$150,000 for the University of California's textile research program, since the state is the leading manufacturer of apparel in the U.S. and is the largest employer in the apparel and textile trade.

In addition, working with her California Congressional colleagues, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard obtained funding for projects of regional and state-wide importance:

▲ \$45 million extra to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to help reduce the citizenship applications backlog in Los Angeles and other cities.

▲ \$500,000 for the Gateway Cities (a consortium of 27 cities in Southeast Los Angeles County) to reduce diesel emissions in the region.

▲ \$565 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, which helps to reimburse California for the costs associated with incarcerating undocumented immigrants.

How to Help

I am most grateful to all in our community who have already graciously given their time and resources to help our fellow Americans during these troubled times. If you need additional information, please contact the following numbers or my office at (213) 628-9230.

For local emergency preparedness programs:

City of Los Angeles Preparedness Department: 213-978-2222; www.lacity.org/epd

To Give Blood:

American Red Cross: 1-800 GIVE LIFE; www.redcross.org

To Support Victims and Their Families:

Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.fema.gov

To Report Terrorist Activity:

FBI Tips: 1-866-483-5137; www.ifccfbi.gov

To Report Discrimination:

Department of Justice: 1-800-552-6843; www.usdoj.gov
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: 1-866-76-USCCR or 1-866-768-7227; <http://www.usccr.gov/complain.htm>

For Aviation Security, Flight Delay Postings, and Safety Information:

Federal Aviation Administration: 1-800-255-1111; www.faa.gov

For Emotional Support:

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services: 1-800-789-2647; www.hhs.gov

Ground Zero



On September 23, Roybal-Allard, accompanied by some of her California Congressional colleagues, toured New York City's Ground Zero. The Congressmembers met with FEMA officials to discuss ways to improve response to future emergencies.

Legislative Update

A strong advocate for those Americans who do not have a voice in the halls of Congress, Roybal-Allard introduced the following bills this year:

The Underserved Adult and Adolescent Immunization Act of 2001

This bill helps at-risk adults (seniors, minorities, and people with chronic diseases) get immunized. Each year, vaccine-preventable diseases among adults cause staggering deaths and illnesses. Over 90% of the deaths occur in persons aged 65 years and older.

The Children's Act for Responsible Employment

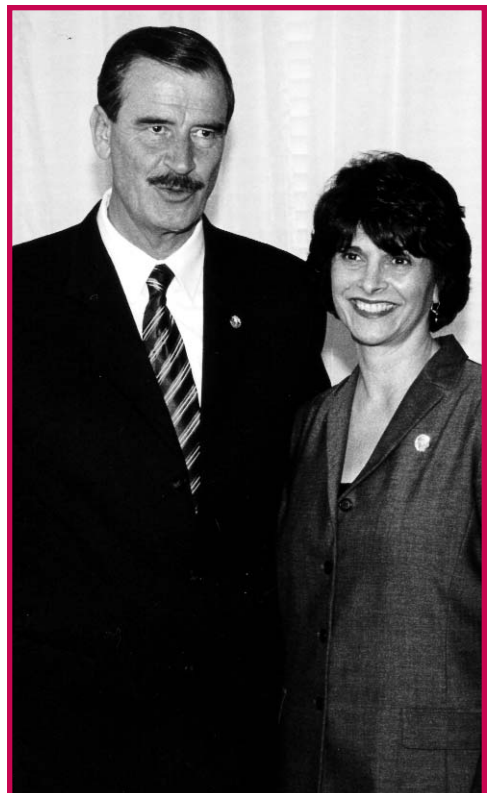
Co-sponsored with Senator Harkin (D-IA), the CARE bill addresses the inequities and harsh conditions faced by the over 800,000 children who work in agriculture. A disgraceful double standard now exists where children working in agriculture work longer hours, at a younger age, and in more hazardous conditions than children working in other jobs.

National Media Campaign to Prevent Underage Drinking Act

This bipartisan bill, cosponsored with Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA), establishes a national media campaign to reduce and prevent underage drinking. Drinking under the age of 21 is illegal in all 50 states, yet 10.4 million kids in this country consume alcohol illegally. Underage drinking contributes to increased car accidents, crime, violence, unprotected sex, teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, depression, suicide, alcohol dependence, and illegal drug use.

Victim's Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA)

This bill, drawing on the support of over 100 cosponsors, provides workplace protections to victims of domestic and sexual violence, giving them the opportunity to obtain economic independence and ultimately break the cycle of violence. Violence against women is the leading cause of physical injury to women, and leaves them particularly vulnerable to changes in employment, pay and benefits.



At a meeting with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard met with Mexican President Vicente Fox to discuss immigration. Mr. Fox visited Washington, DC in September to address a Joint Session of Congress.

How to Contact Me

Your letters, emails and calls help me to better serve you, which I do with great honor.

However, due to the ongoing concerns about the mail delivery system, mail has not been delivered to my Washington, D.C. office since early October.

I am happy to report that regular mail delivery to the U.S. House of Representatives has resumed. However, new screening procedures will delay mail delivery by at least two weeks.

If you would like to ensure that I receive your mail promptly, you can fax me at (202)226-0350 or email me by visiting my website at www.house.gov/roybal-allard.

Additionally, White House tours have been temporarily suspended due to heightened security measures and are not expected to resume until January. However, U.S. Capitol tours are still being given. If you are planning a visit to Washington, D.C. in the near future, please contact my office at (213) 628-9230, so we can give you the most up to date information.

Finally, since Congress is experiencing an overwhelming order for U.S. flags, please expect a six-month delay if you order a flag from my office.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during these difficult times.



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard attends City of Commerce Veterans Day celebration. Roybal-Allard joins Commerce Mayor Hugo Argumedo and councilmembers in honoring Joseph Seifts, a Commerce resident and veteran of WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

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Congresswoman Roybal-Allard Constituent Office Hours

In addition to regular office hours, I have special Constituent Office hours staffed by my caseworkers to provide individual assistance to you and your family:

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

8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior Center

7600 Graham Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90001

How to Get a Free Four-Year College Education

The U.S. Service Academies offer incredible opportunities for young men and women to attend the most prestigious colleges in the country such as West Point and the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Students receive a free college education leading to a career as a military officer. In order to apply to the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, or Military Academy, students must be nominated by a Member of Congress or U.S. Senator. Students interested in applying for a Service Academy nomination from Congresswoman Roybal-Allard should contact Veronica Prado at (213) 628-9230 or visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard/academies.htm. The deadline to submit completed applications is December 31, 2001.

Attention High School Students

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard is sponsoring the 9th annual 33rd Congressional District Student Art Competition. This competition is open to all high school students who reside or attend school in the 33rd Congressional District.

The first place winner, along with a parent and teacher, will have the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC to attend the exhibition's opening, where his or her artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Second and third place entries will be displayed in our District Office. Additionally, these and other top entries will be displayed at a month-long exhibit at the El Pueblo Gallery in Los Angeles.

The entry deadline is March 1, 2002. If interested, please call the District Office for entry requirements.



Air Force Academy alumnus Juan Amaral speaks to interested students at Roybal-Allard's second annual Military Academy Conference held at South Gate High School in July.

Para información en español, llame a mi oficina al 213-628-9230



Roybal-Allard and children visit firefighter booth at Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's August Community Health and Safety Fair at Clara Street Park in Cudahy to discuss fire prevention. Attendees received free health screenings and Southeast fire and law enforcement agencies were on hand to provide information about hate crime prevention, earthquake safety, substance abuse, self-defense, and domestic violence prevention.

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