



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard Reports *To the 33rd District*

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Dear Friends,

To serve you as your Representative in our nation's Capital is my distinct privilege. My paramount goal has been, and will continue to be, to improve your quality of life, and that of all residents, families, and businesses in the 33rd Congressional District and the State of California.

As you know, the 33rd Congressional District is blessed with many special and talented people. I am proud to highlight some of them in this newsletter. Also included in this newsletter are examples of how, by our working in partnership with constituents such as yourself, we are creating a more healthy community, helping students to reach their goals, and supporting the growth and prosperity of local businesses. Although a lot of work remains ahead of us, we have a great deal of which we can be proud. I hope you find the information contained in your newsletter both interesting and useful.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, or if you would like to share your opinion on issues before Congress, please call my District Office at 213/628-9230. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest regards.

Lucille Roybal-Allard

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
Member of Congress

Helping Students Reach Their Goals

Our community is fortunate to have many young people who have an interest in public service. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard works to provide a variety of opportunities for Los Angeles area students through her **Congressional Internship Program**. Every semester, local students from the 33rd Congressional District work as interns in Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's Los Angeles office to gain school credit and learn about the federal government first-hand. Recently, four local students have worked in the District Office: Ronald Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Robert Tauler, and Richard Benavidez.

Available on Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's web page, http://www.house.gov/roybal-allard/afford_college.htm, is the **Student Information Program**, which offers free information on available scholarships, internships, and fellowships to students, parents, and school counselors.

Financial Aid Workshops are also sponsored by Congresswoman Roybal-Allard to help students and their parents learn about scholarship opportunities and how to fill out the application for federal and state financial aid to attend college.

Annually, the Congresswoman sponsors workshops on the **Military Service Academies** to provide information to students on admission requirements. The Military Service Academies offer students a free college education in exchange for military service after graduation. In order to apply to the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, or Military Academy,

students must be nominated by a Member of Congress. Students interested in applying for a nomination from Congresswoman Roybal-Allard should contact Veronica Prado at 213/628-9230 or visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard/academies.htm.

Mark Your Calendar! For more information about the Military Service Academies, please plan to attend the Congresswoman's Military Academy Conference this fall. Representatives from the various branches of service will be available to answer questions about the opportunities available to students. Call the Congresswoman's District Office (213/628-9230) for additional information about the location and date of this event.

The **Annual Congressional Arts Competition**, hosted by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, is open to all high school students who live or attend school in the 33rd Congressional District. The first place winner receives a gift certificate for art supplies and a free trip to Washington, D.C. The winning artwork will be on display for one year in the U.S. Capitol Building, along with other national winners. The deadline for entry into next year's contest is spring of 2003. Please call the District Office, 213/628-9230, for details and entry requirements.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard (left) and Danielle Tocco of Southwest Airlines (center) congratulate Octavio Rangel (right), a Huntington Park High School student and winner of the 9th Annual 33rd Congressional District Art Competition, for his piece, "Tootsie."



Promoting a Healthy Community

Roybal-Allard Fights Underage Drinking

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is deeply concerned about underage drinking and the proliferation of alcohol ads on television. In December, she vigorously protested NBC's decision to air hard liquor ads on television. The Congresswoman successfully worked with a coalition of parents, clergy, activists, and lawmakers to convince NBC to reverse its decision.

The Congresswoman also introduced The National Media Campaign to Prevent Underage Drinking, a bill to create a media campaign with ads to educate parents and their kids about the risks of underage drinking. These ads would air all across the country on major networks, like ABC, NBC, and Univision.

MADD Congresswoman Roybal-Allard

(center) joined activists from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for a press conference to highlight the negative influence of alcohol advertising on our nation's youth and to support MADD's proposal for tougher standards for alcohol advertising. The two teens in the front row, Michah Behrand (left) and Clayton Copeland (right), shared dramatic stories about their involvement in serious drunk driving accidents. Michah

accidentally killed his best friend in a car crash; Clayton was paralyzed from the waist down after being hit by a drunk driver. The two teens are now frequent speakers on behalf of MADD. Four members of the MADD Board of Directors also participated in the press conference. From left to right, they are: Wendy Hamilton, National President-Elect of MADD, Carol McNamee, Jan Blazer, and Cindy Roark.



Grant Awarded



Howard Kahn, CEO of LA Care Health Plan, **Michael Koch**, Executive Director of CaliforniaKids Health Care Foundation, **Bettye Dixon**, wife of the late Congressman Julian Dixon, and **Congresswoman Roybal-Allard**, hold a giant check, representing the \$4 million grant to the CaliforniaKids Foundation. The check was presented at an official ceremony to announce the grant, given in memory of Congressman Julian Dixon.

The grant money was awarded by the L.A. Care Health Plan to support quality, affordable health care for working families in Los Angeles who earn too much to qualify for state-funded assistance, but cannot afford the high prices of private health insurance.

Combating Domestic Violence in the Workplace

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is the sponsor of a bill, called the Victim's Economic Security and Safety Act. Because women often stay in an abusive relationship due to financial dependence, this bill will help abused women to keep their jobs while they take the steps necessary to leave a violent relationship. The legislation, for example, allows domestic violence victims to take time off from work to receive medical care, make court appearances, or ensure their personal security without incurring penalties from their employer.

Passage of this important bill will help employees leave a violent relationship. It will also help businesses to reduce the high costs of turnover and retraining associated with domestic violence.

Public support for this legislation continues to grow. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's bill, H.R. 2670, already has 113 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Supporting Local Businesses



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard joined Mei Ong of the City of Los Angeles Asian American Employees Association and California State Assemblywoman Carol Liu to discuss how the Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce is working to benefit the local business community.

LA Area Chamber of Commerce Visits Capitol Hill



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard welcomed business leaders from Los Angeles who visited Washington, D.C. in April to promote their top legislative priorities. To assist the Chamber, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard hosted a meeting for the Board of Directors and members of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce with several prominent Members of Congress. Congressional participants included Congressman Bill Young, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Minority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The business leaders discussed the importance of obtaining federal funding to strengthen local government's **counter-terrorism and domestic defense efforts**. They also stressed the importance of funding **transportation projects** to ease Los Angeles area congestion and promote the free flow of goods and people throughout the region. In addition, the LA Area Chamber of Commerce leaders advocated for the CalFED program to increase the supply of **quality water** in California.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard met with Central City Association Executive Committee Members John Whitaker, Chair of the Central City Association, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, and Carol Schatz, President and CEO of the Central City Association to talk about downtown development and revitalization.



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.

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



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard joined Dr. Laverne Joseph, President and CEO of the Retirement Housing Foundation, at an exhibit of artwork by seniors in Washington, D.C. The painting, "Three Boys in a Window," is the work of Louis Fletcher, a 70-year old constituent and resident of Angelus Plaza.

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