



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard REPORTS

To the 34th Congressional District

December 2006

Dear Friends,

As we look ahead to a new year filled with promising opportunities for the families of the 34th Congressional District and the nation, it is my privilege to share with you some of the recent accomplishments we have achieved together.

This newsletter highlights our successful efforts to curb underage drinking, beautify areas along the Los Angeles River and provide law enforcement with the resources it needs to protect our communities and secure our ports.

I have also included tips to help you save money at tax time and on college costs. For residents in need of help resolving problems with federal agencies, my caseworkers are available. The office hours and contact information are provided on the back page of this mailing.

As your Member of Congress, I always look forward to hearing from you and I extend to you my best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress

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Curbing Underage Drinking

A leading congressional advocate in the fight against underage drinking, the congresswoman won a major victory with the passage of her bill, The Sober Truth On Preventing Underage Drinking Act, in the U.S. House and Senate. The STOP Act is the first comprehensive national legislation to address this public health crisis. According to the Institute of Medicine, during any given month in our country, nearly 11 million youth between the ages of 12 and 20 drink alcohol. Based on the Institute's recommendations to reduce underage drinking, the STOP Act: formally establishes an interagency committee to coordinate all federal underage drinking programs and research initiatives; makes permanent an Ad Council national media campaign directed at parents; provides grants to colleges and local communities to combat the problem; and authorizes federal funding for crucial research on its health effects on young people. For her efforts in Congress, the congresswoman has been nationally honored by MADD, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America and Students Against Destructive Decisions.



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard shown speaking about the STOP Act at an event marking the 25th anniversary of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Protecting Our Communities



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard and members of the Resurrection Neighborhood Watch program honor local law enforcement officials who help combat gang violence in the community as part of the Hollenbeck Division of the Los Angeles City/County Community Law Enforcement And Recovery (CLEAR) program. The congresswoman secured \$3.8 million in federal funds for the Los Angeles-wide program, including \$1.25 million for the Hollenbeck Division. Pictured from left to right: Peter Shutan, Deputy City Attorney; Monsignor John Moretta, Resurrection Church; Mary Ridgway, Probation Supervisor; Stephonie Steinruck, Deputy Probation Officer; Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard; Frank Macias, Police Officer; Tracy Marrufo, Police Officer; Dewaine Fields, Detective III; Omar Cedre, Police Officer; and Deputy District Attorney Kathryn Solorzano.

Helping to Revitalize Downtown

A proud resident of downtown, the congresswoman is working with local partners to revitalize the communities along the Los Angeles River. From her seat on the Appropriations Committee, she secured more than \$3 million in federal funds to launch the revitalization effort and continues to work to gain additional funding for Fiscal Year 2007. These funds will enable the Corps of Engineers to work with the City of Los Angeles and local groups in planning parks, recreation, and community improvement projects along the river which will benefit the downtown area. The congresswoman is also the author of a bill that would direct the Army Corps of Engineers to develop a Los Angeles River revitalization master plan, break ground on demonstration projects, and begin a water reuse project along the river.



The IRS May Owe You Money

This tax season, check to see if you're getting back all the money Uncle Sam owes you. To find out if you qualify for the **Earned Income Tax Credit** (worth up to \$4,536), the **Child Tax Credit** (worth up to \$1,000 per child) or to learn about free tax preparation services for seniors and low-income taxpayers, call **1 (800) TAX-1040** or visit the IRS website at **www.irs.gov**.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard welcomed Los Angeles City Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and members of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce to our nation's capital during the chamber's annual "Access D.C." trip. More than 70 business leaders from across the Los Angeles region met with public officials to discuss a wide range of federal legislative priorities such as the need for increased federal funding for transportation, health care, education and workforce development. At the kick-off press conference, the congresswoman said, "The bottom line is that competition for scarce federal dollars has never been more fierce. That is why the chamber's presence in Washington has never been more important. It is vital for Members of Congress, Senators and the Administration to hear firsthand from local leaders about the priorities of the Los Angeles region and the importance of those priorities to the nation."



Homeland Security

One of Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's top priorities is to ensure that our police, firefighters and other emergency personnel have the resources they need to protect our communities. As a member on the Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee, the congresswoman worked aggressively to ensure that the homeland security spending bill for the coming year contains increased funding for a wide-variety of local emergency preparedness efforts, including a \$13 million increase in grants to protect large urban areas such as Los Angeles and a \$14 million increase in grants for firefighters. In addition, recognizing that the Los Angeles-Long Beach Port Complex is one of the largest and busiest in the country, the congresswoman voted in support of the bipartisan SAFE Port Act of 2006. This bill authorizes \$400 million annually over five years for port security grants to better ensure cargo coming into our ports does not pose a threat to our safety and national security.

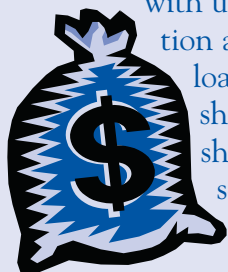
Developing the Talents of Our Young People



City of Bell Gardens' Director of Recreation and Community Services Pamela Yugar (shown on right) guides Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard on a tour of the city's new computer lab which opened in March and is available to the city's residents at no charge. The congresswoman secured \$35,000 in federal funds for the purchase of the lab's 15 computers. Computer class schedules and lab hours are available by calling the City of Bell Gardens Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 806-7650.

Paying for College

The congresswoman provides parents and students with useful information about federal



loans, internships, fellowships, private scholarships and work-study opportunities.

Workshops are also coordinated by her staff to help parents and students fill out college financial aid forms. For students interested in attending our nation's U.S. service academies, the congresswoman hosts an annual academy workshop. The academies provide a free college education in return for five years of military service following graduation. To learn more, visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard or call (213) 628-9230.



Hoda Elshishtawy



Nicholaus Parmer

Internship Opportunities

Students who are interested in internship opportunities in the congresswoman's district or Washington, D.C. offices are encouraged to call (213) 628-9230. Pictured: Downey interns Juan Alvarez, Hoda Elshishtawy, Nicholaus Parmer; and Boyle Heights intern Marvin Benitez.



Juan Alvarez



Marvin Benitez

“Artistic Discovery” – The 2007 Congressional Student Art Competition

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard holds an annual high school art competition for all students who live in the 34th Congressional District. The winner's artwork is displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Artwork must be two-dimensional, no larger than 26 inches by 26 inches, and must be an original concept. Entries, along with completed and signed entry forms, should be delivered to the congresswoman's district office by 5 p.m., February 27, 2007. More information is available by calling the congresswoman's district office at (213) 628-9230.

Supporting Area Youth

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard discusses her work in Congress with 30 eighth-grade students from Henry C.T. Gage Middle School in Huntington Park during their visit to Washington, D.C. Pictured back row from left: Jorge Jaime; Bryan Vannithone; Vanessa Pacheco; Zipatly Torres; Randy Will; Alicea Pedroza; Ana Guerra; Alfredo Trejo; Stephanie Hernandez; Erick Espinoza; Christopher Pulido; James Reid; Martin Diaz; Kyle Boswell; Valeria Servin; Helen Lopez; Gregorio Verbera; Leslie Noriega; Cindy Andrade; Stephanie Vasquez; Nancy Will; Francisco Mateos; and Antonia Guzman. Front row from left: Daisy Banuelos; Rosemarie Duran; Sabrina Perez; Alejandra Guerrero; Ana Argueta; Carina Ramires; Maria Lopez; Congresswoman Roybal-Allard; Elizabeth Ramirez; Heidy Sanchez; Karen Camacho; Mabel Sanchez; Edward Chavez; and Pedro Aguilar.





Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard discusses the importance of federal research initiatives in the prevention and treatment of cancer with local cancer advocates visiting our nation's capital. Pictured from left to right: (front row) Ivonne De Correa of Huntington Park; Idonia Ramos of Huntington Park; Sarah Huerta of Walnut Park; Elisa Rudolph of Huntington Park; Estela Gomez of Huntington Park; and Rosie Monteon of Huntington Park; (back row, left to right) Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard; Ehren Thompson of Bellflower; Diane Spalding of Huntington Park; Isai Camacho of Cudahy; and Gabriela Hurtado-Gutierrez of Downey.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard congratulates veteran John Jimenez of Bellflower upon receiving the U.S. Army service medals he earned during the Korean War. The medals were obtained with the help of the congresswoman's caseworkers.

Constituent Office Hours

In addition to regular business hours at the congresswoman's downtown Los Angeles office (Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., T-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), caseworkers are available to provide individual assistance to you and your family at the following locations:

2nd Tuesday of Each Month **Downey**

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Barbara Riley Community Ctr.
7810 Quill Drive

Maywood

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Maywood City Hall
4319 E. Slauson Avenue

3rd Thursday of Each Month **Huntington Park**

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Huntington Park City Hall
6550 Miles Avenue

Commerce

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Commerce City Hall
2535 Commerce Way

1st Thursday of Each Month **East Los Angeles**

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Salazar Park Senior Ctr.
3864 E. Whittier Boulevard

Bell Gardens

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Gardens City Hall
7100 S. Garfield Avenue

2nd Wednesday of Each Month **Bellflower**

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Bellflower City Hall
16600 Civic Center Drive

Bell

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue

4th Tuesday of Each Month **Boyle Heights**

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Lucille Beserra Roybal Center
2130 E. First St., Suite 300

Cudahy

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Cudahy City Hall
5220 Santa Ana Street

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