



Dear Friends,

Earlier this month, Americans commemorated the Fourth of July — the day our Declaration of Independence was ratified 231 years ago. As a nation, we

mark this historic day with patriotic observances and special tributes to our brave soldiers whose sacrifices through the years have made our nation strong and free. We also remember and pray for the safety of our armed forces that remain in harm's way thousands of miles from home in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As your Member of Congress, I am committed to doing everything I can to bring our troops home as soon as possible. I remain equally committed to making sure our hometown heroes receive the medical, rehabilitative care, and other support services they deserve and need to readjust to civilian life. Toward that end, I am proud to be a part of the new Democratic majority in the U.S. House of Representatives working to pass the largest veterans' budget increase in American history, including the largest increase in funding for veterans' health care in the 77-year history of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our returning men and women in uniform deserve no less. To learn more about veterans' funding and other federal spending priorities, I urge you to visit <http://appropriations.house.gov>.

I also invite you to share your views with me and sign up for periodic e-mail updates at www.house.gov/roybal-allard. Your feedback helps me stay abreast of the issues of most concern to you and your family.

My best wishes for a memorable and safe summer season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucille Roybal-Allard".

Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard meets with local Iraq War veterans and staff at the East Los Angeles Vet Center and East Los Angeles Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinic to discuss the veterans' experiences accessing VA health care and other services upon their return home.

A Fitting Tribute Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard joins Downey community leaders at the groundbreaking for the Columbia Space Science Learning Center. The center will honor the memory of the



Columbia Space Shuttle astronauts and pay tribute to the thousands of local residents who, for over seven decades, worked in the aviation and aerospace industry in Downey. The center will inspire a new generation of space scientists and explorers through its historical displays and interactive exhibits. The congresswoman authored the legislation to name the center as a memorial to the fallen astronauts and secured \$1 million in federal funding toward the project.

Championing a Healthy America

The congresswoman regularly meets with community health center leaders to learn about their efforts to expand access and services to area residents. Through her advocacy on the health appropriations subcommittee, she works on behalf of the centers to increase federal dollars for critical medical services to uninsured and underinsured families in the 34th District. For her leadership and support of their efforts, she has been recognized three times by the National Association of Community Health Centers, most recently with its 2007 *Distinguished Community Health Defender Award*.

Supporting Business: Our Community's Engine

The congresswoman is the recipient of many honors in recognition of her longstanding advocacy on behalf of local businesses, including a recent proclamation from the **United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** thanking her for her “active participation in minority initiatives that encourage increased opportunities for women and Hispanics in the area of business.”



Recognizing that businesses are critical to keeping our communities prosperous and our neighborhoods stable, the congresswoman regularly attends area chamber of commerce events and visits local businesses. Recent tours included: the **United California Corporation's** manufacturing facilities in **Downey**, where 200 engineers, machinists and shop workers produce a variety of tools; **Fashion Business Inc.** in **Downtown, Los Angeles** for which she secured federal funds to train apparel workers and entrepreneurs to use a computer-based order-entry and data-management system; and **Grifols, Inc.**, a biopharmaceutical manufacturer that employs 500 people, including many district residents.



Recognizing the value of strength in numbers, the congresswoman has worked over the last four years with local area chambers of commerce to form a strong alliance to address common concerns and strengthen their influence in the region. In April, business representatives from 13 local chambers and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce joined her at her most recent roundtable to discuss a range of issues, including the need to reduce crime and improve access to public transportation.



The congresswoman had the honor of swearing in the newly elected president of the **Vernon Chamber of Commerce**, John Maniatakis, and the chamber's new board of directors, and presented its out-going president, John Norton, with a certificate of congressional recognition for his service to the community. The congresswoman also had the honor of swearing in **Boyle Heights Chamber President Michele Arce** and the chamber's board of directors.

Revitalizing the Los Angeles River

Revitalizing the areas along the Los Angeles River is a top priority for the congresswoman. Parks, green space, pedestrian walkways, bridges, housing, and economic development projects are among the many exciting proposals for converting the blighted areas along the river into places everyone can enjoy. To fund this ambitious undertaking, the congresswoman secured a \$20 million authorization in the U.S. House of Representatives for river restoration and maintenance projects. From her seat on the Appropriations Committee, she will continue to work to fund these projects, adding to the more than \$3 million in federal funds she has previously secured for LA River improvements.

Southern California: A National Asset

Championing the theme “Southern California is a National Asset,” Congresswoman Roybal-Allard welcomed nearly 200 business and civic leaders from across the Los Angeles region to our nation's capital as part of the **Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's** annual “Access D.C.” trip. Chamber members met with 50 public officials, including members of Congress and Administration officials, to advocate for federal investments in the region, including transportation and goods movement infrastructure, anti-gang activities, and education and workforce development. At the kick-off press conference, she told the business leaders, “Competition for scarce federal dollars has never been fiercer and your united message with this large and diverse delegation has never been more critical.”

A Leader on Transportation

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters congratulates the congresswoman on receiving a much coveted position on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development — the only Californian to serve on the panel. As a member of the transportation subcommittee, she continues to aggressively work to ensure the Los Angeles region receives funding for critical transportation projects, including improvements to the region's airports, bus systems, rail transit systems and freeways. The March meeting in the congresswoman's Washington D.C. office followed the secretary's testimony before the transportation subcommittee, at which the congresswoman thanked her for including \$80 million in continued federal funding for the \$898 million Edward R. Roybal Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension in the Administration's proposed 2008 budget. The project will add eight stations and six miles of rail to the Metro Gold Line that will link **Union Station** in **Downtown** with **Little Tokyo** and the **Arts District, Boyle Heights** and **East Los Angeles**.



Inspiring Excellence in Our Young People



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard praises Mayfair High School student Anthony Castañeda of **Bellflower** (*second from left*) for winning the annual high school art competition that she hosts for students who live in the 34th Congressional District. Anthony's winning water color, gouache, acrylic, and color pencil entry titled "Ancestral Wind" will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol Building. Anthony's art instructors, Robert Nelson (*on left*) and Dan Madison (*on right*) also attended the annual exhibit opening at the Pico House gallery at **Olvera Street** in **Down-town** where all 156 entries were on display.

Internship Opportunities



Quijada



Andrade



Brown

Students who live in the 34th Congressional District and are interested in internship opportunities in the Los Angeles or Washington, D.C. offices are encouraged to call (213) 628-9230. Pictured: **Walnut Park** intern Carolina Quijada; **Westlake/Belmont** area intern Emily Andrade; and **Downey** intern Jackie Brown.

Investing in Your Future

The congresswoman provides parents and students with useful information about financial aid, public and private scholarships, internships and fellowships. Workshops are also coordinated by her staff to help parents and students identify scholarship opportunities and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.



For students interested in attending our nation's U.S. service academies, she hosts an annual academy workshop in the fall. The service academies provide a free college education in return for five years of military service as a commissioned officer following graduation. After the successful completion of a very competitive application process that included a nomination from the congresswoman, two area residents this year accepted appointments to U.S. service academy prep schools. **Lizet Gallardo** (*pictured left*) of **Boyle Heights** will attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. **John Haddad** (*pictured right*) of **Downey** will attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island.



To learn more about these student resources visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard and click "Student Section" or call (213) 628-9230.

A Fresh Start

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard joins the Bribiesca family in **East Los Angeles** for the ribbon cutting of their newly restored home built in the 1930s. Participants of the Los Angeles Communities Advocating for Unity, Social Justice and Action (LA CAUSA) YouthBuild program completed the renovation work at no expense to the homeowner. From her seat on the House Appropriations Committee, the congresswoman has successfully advocated for increased federal funding for YouthBuild, which offers young people in our community job skills training while they continue their education.



Remarkable Milestones



The congresswoman welcomes Conny Gomez (left) and 102-year-old Ramona Garcia-Coronado (center), both of Boyle Heights, to a gathering she hosted at the Bell Community Center. Ramona, who has received assistance from the congresswoman's caseworkers, joined more than 125 constituents at the center to meet her entire Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. staff.



Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles President Chester Chong thanks the congresswoman for her successful efforts to secure \$3.25 million in federal funding for a transit center at Blossom Plaza in Chinatown during the chamber's Chinese New Year Festival. The project, located near the Chinatown Gold Line Metro Rail Station, will help spur mass transit use and neighborhood economic development.

Constituent Office Hours

In addition to regular business hours at the downtown Los Angeles office (Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tue.-Fri. 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:

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 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

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

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.
(Call district office for location)

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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