

*Dear Friends,*

I realize this newsletter arrives at your home when many in the 34th Congressional District are struggling to make ends meet. As your Member of Congress, I want to assure you that as part of the New Direction Congress I am working hard to help turn things around for you and our country.

Earlier this year, I was pleased to join my colleagues in passing the economic stimulus act, making it possible for 130 million families to receive rebate checks. These rebates are just one first step toward economic recovery. As part of a comprehensive recovery plan, I also support congressional efforts to help the unemployed, including passage of a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits to 3.2 million displaced workers. To address the home foreclosure crisis, Congress is moving toward a compromise bill to help families hold on to the American Dream of homeownership. We are also working on legislation to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and do what we can to bring down gas prices at the pump. Final passage of all of these measures is needed to spur the economy and protect our families.

To make sure our troops and veterans are part of this economic recovery, I am fully supporting efforts to pass into law a new GI bill to cover the cost of a full four-year education for our service men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. This follows last year's enactment of a historic increase in funding for veterans' health care.

While there is no doubt that our country faces certain challenges, we still have much to be thankful for. We need only flip through the pages of this newsletter to be reminded of what is so right and promising in our communities. Whether in awe of the extraordinary talents of our high school artists or the bravery of a local WWII hero, we have much to appreciate and be proud of this summer season.

Foreclosure Prevention Workshop July 19th

If you are a homeowner struggling to make your mortgage payment, please join me at a foreclosure prevention workshop. Credit counselors and lenders will be available for on-site assistance on **Saturday, July 19th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at West Middle School at 11985 Old River School Road in Downey.** Participants are encouraged to bring loan documents and other relevant financial information.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (on right) pinned the Purple Heart medal on Mr. Frank Sedillo (center) of East Los Angeles for a gun-shot wound he suffered during WWII. He received his medal 63 years after sustaining his wartime injuries with the assistance of her office. Josephine B. Sedillo, his wife, is also pictured. The congresswoman's caseworkers are available to assist constituents who need help with matters involving federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

To contact me or to sign up for periodic e-mail updates, I encourage you to visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard. Your feedback helps me stay abreast of the issues of most concern to you and your family.

Best Wishes,

Lucille Roybal-Allard

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Member of Congress

Artistic Discovery



The 2008 Congressional Student Art Competition

For the 15th year, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard hosted an annual high school art competition for students who live in the 34th Congressional District. **Alex Hernandez of Downey** (pictured) was the 2008 winner for his yarn and wax piece titled *My Ride*. Alex received a scholarship and a free trip to Washington, D.C., where his art-

work is on display for one year in our nation's U.S. Capitol Building. The other winners are: **Joanne Lee of Bellflower**, second place; **Carolina Gomez of Bell**, third place; and **Joelene Gipson of Bellflower** and **Pablo Hernandez of Boyle Heights**, honorable mentions.

Fighting for Local Businesses & Workers

Employees of the **Vernon**-based Red Chamber Co. and Neptune Foods gathered recently to thank Congresswoman Roybal-Allard for her successful federal intervention in a customs matter regarding import duties that jeopardized 500 local jobs at the family-owned seafood supplier. The congresswoman places a high priority on keeping local businesses strong and expanding job opportunities in our communities.



Working to Improve Your Commute

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard works from her seat on the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee to promote infrastructure and transportation improvements across the nation and in Los Angeles. The subcommittee funds federal programs related to aviation, highways and mass transit, maritime, and railroads. The congresswoman is particularly focused on securing federal funds to bring first-rate transportation alternatives to her constituents. This year, her subcommittee appropriated nearly \$80 million in federal funds toward continued construction of the **Edward R. Roybal Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension** – the \$898 million project that will be completed in 2009. She also secured 2008 appropriations for: Red Car restoration efforts in the **City of Los Angeles**; 170 bus shelters in the **City of Bellflower**; and roadway construction and improvements in **Commerce, Huntington Park and Maywood**.



For her public service contributions in Congress, including her successful efforts to address the region's growing transportation needs, the Southern California Leadership Network honored the congresswoman with its **Elected Leader of the Year Award**.

Stay Tuned-In: The Digital Television Transition is Coming

If you rely on free, over-the-air broadcasts made available through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears," your television set may go dark on February 17, 2009, when broadcasters begin airing exclusively digital signals. To avoid this, you will need to purchase a new "digital-to-analog" converter box to plug into your set. Federal coupons worth \$40 each are available to defray the \$50 to \$60 purchase price. Find out more by calling **1-888-DTV-2009** or visiting <http://www.dtv2009.gov>.

Roybal-Allard's "ATTAIN" Act: Giving Young People the Tools to Succeed

At a recent event at the Miguel Contreras Learning Complex in Los Angeles, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard was honored for her leadership in crafting the **Achievement Through Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Act**. Her legislation would assist educators in using technology in the classroom by helping schools to purchase computer equipment and offer quality teacher training. California Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and the State Educational Technology Directors Association joined the School of Global Studies' students to present the congresswoman with the association's Federal Policy Maker Award. The congresswoman believes that education technology plays a critical role in helping young people succeed in the classroom and compete in today's 21st Century global workplace.

The LA River: The View From Above



To give area lawmakers a bird's-eye view of the projects planned to revitalize the **Los Angeles River**, the congresswoman co-hosted an aerial tour aboard a Black Hawk helicopter along with Army Corps District Commander Col. Thomas H. Magness IV, Councilman Ed Reyes, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Plans for the 31 miles of river include the development of green space, pedestrian walkways, bridges, housing and various economic development projects that will create jobs in our communities while maintaining the river's vital flood control function. The congresswoman

worked with U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer to enact a long-term federal authorization to revitalize the river, and has secured annual federal funding totaling \$4.85 million since 2002 for restoration projects.

A Champion for Public Health



Roybal-Allard Newborn Health Legislation Signed into Law

The congresswoman won a major victory in her efforts to enhance the nation's public health system when her **Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act** was passed by Congress and signed into law in April. To give babies the best chance at a healthy future, the measure promotes comprehensive and standardized newborn screening tests proven to eliminate preventable newborn deaths and severe disabilities. For her efforts, the March of Dimes honored her with its national leadership award.



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is committed to increasing access to affordable and quality health care for all Americans. From her seat on the Appropriations Health Subcommittee, the congresswoman advocates for the expansion of community health centers, which provide high-quality, cost effective and culturally sensitive care to uninsured and underserved families throughout her district and the nation. To learn firsthand about the centers' federal funding needs, she hosts an annual roundtable with representatives from nine area health care clinics (pictured). In recognition of her efforts, the congresswoman has been nationally honored by the national and county associations of community health centers and clinics.



Cynthia Cervantes, 13, of **Huntington Park** (shown center) testified before Congresswoman Roybal-Allard and other members of the Appropriations Health Subcommittee. The subcommittee oversees funding for many important health-related programs and agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National

Institutes of Health. The **Henry T. Gage Middle School** student shared her experiences coping with Scleroderma and asked lawmakers to support federal research efforts about the rare autoimmune disease. Cynthia's mother, Leticia, is also pictured.

Bringing Vital Health Initiatives to the District The sole Southern California Member of Congress serving on the Appropriations Health Subcommittee, the congresswoman secured federal funds for 2008 to support initiatives at the following health care facilities that serve district residents: the John Wesley Community Health (JWCH) Institute's health clinic facility in **Bell Gardens**; the Eisner Pediatric and Family Medical Center's Parent-Child Home Program in **Downtown Los Angeles**; White Memorial Medical Center in **Boyle Heights**; California Hospital Medical Center in **Downtown Los Angeles**; the Lowman Center at the LA Orthopaedic Hospital near **Downtown Los Angeles**; AltaMed in **East Los Angeles**; and Bienestar Human Services, Inc.'s HIV testing program in **East Los Angeles**.

Opportunities for District Youth



Cowen



Serrano



Yu

Students who live in the 34th Congressional District and are interested in internship opportunities in the Downtown Los Angeles district or Washington, D.C. offices are encouraged to call **(213) 628-9230**. Pictured: **Temple-Beaudry intern Cullen Cowen**; **Boyle Heights intern Maria Serrano**; and **Downey intern Doris Yu**.

Bell High School student **Navil Gomez of Maywood** was selected through a competitive process to participate in the U.S. House of Representatives Summer Page Program. Visit <http://pageprogram.house.gov> to learn more.



Page Navil Gomez



Gallardo



Shifflet



Haddad

Academy Appointments We are pleased to announce this year's service academy appointments: **Lizet Gallardo of Boyle Heights** and **Caleb Shifflet of Downey**, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; and **John Haddad of Downey**, Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Learn more about the service academy nominations and other student resources, including our comprehensive scholarship directory, at www.house.gov/roybal-allard under "Student Section" or by calling **(213) 628-9230**.

Local Legacies



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard participates in the 67th Annual Nisei Week, a community observance of Japanese and Japanese American culture and history. About 150 people gathered for the event at the Pavilion in the Japanese American National Museum in **Little Tokyo in Downtown**. As part of the community's efforts to preserve its proud heritage, the congresswoman helped to facilitate Little Tokyo's designation as a Preserve America Community, making it eligible for historic preservation federal grants. She also secured federal funding for the Go For Broke Educational Foundation to provide training to assist educators in teaching students about the Japanese American experience, including the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII and the many contributions of Japanese American WWII veterans.



The congresswoman presents a Congressional Certificate of Recognition to Salesian Sister Josephine Ochoa, Principal of St. Mary School in **Boyle Heights** on the occasion of the parochial school's 100 year anniversary. A graduate of St. Mary's Class of 1955, the congresswoman praised the faculty and student body for its longstanding achievements. St. Mary School was the third parochial school established in Los Angeles in 1907.

Constituent Office Hours

In addition to regular business hours at the Downtown Los Angeles office (Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday 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
(Call district office
for location)

Cudahy

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

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