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DOES THE IRS OWE YOU MONEY?

The IRS is holding
undelivered tax refund
checks for hundreds of
Valley families.

See inside.

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SENIORS

We can provide information about the new Medicare prescription drug plan and advice on which medical services are eligible for Medicare coverage. We can also help with reimbursement difficulties. Our office can provide information about various Social Security programs, including retirement and survivor benefits, disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). We can also help resolve problems with the Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs.



WASHINGTON TOURS

We can help with tickets for tours of the U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court and other important Washington sites. Please give us as much notice as possible by calling our Washington office at (202) 225-5911. When you are in Washington, please stop by to see us in Room 1030 of the Longworth House Office Building.



BUSINESS

We can assist you in seeking a loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA), provide you with information about SBA seminars and provide information about opportunities to sell goods and services to the U.S. Government. We can also help you obtain assistance from federal agencies that promote U.S. exports.

WE CAN ALSO HELP WITH:

- Veterans Benefits
- Academy Appointments
(West Point, Annapolis, Air Force)
- Immigration and Citizenship
- Foreign Travel (Passports, Visas)
- IRS problems



Congressman Sherman meets with Valley residents in our Sherman Oaks office to discuss the services he and his staff regularly provide to constituents. We have helped thousands of Valley residents in their dealings with federal agencies.

"The most important thing we do is solve problems for Valley residents and businesses."

– CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN

IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION

Over the years, Congressman Sherman has secured over \$21 million to improve Valley transportation. He worked with other Valley leaders to build the new southbound lane on the 405 through the Sepulveda



Pass, and the East-West Busway (now called the Orange Line), which will open in 2005. Recently, he secured federal funds for an additional lane on the off-ramp from the westbound 101 to Van Nuys Boulevard. This should not only ease traffic at the Van Nuys Boulevard exit, but also help reduce congestion at the 101/405 Interchange.

Next year, Sherman will seek federal funds to add a northbound lane to the 405 through the Sepulveda Pass, improve the 101/405 Interchange and add a lane in each direction on the Valley portion of the 5 Freeway. He will also seek millions of dollars to resurface various local streets throughout the Valley.

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLES

Sherman has introduced legislation that would allow states to permit hybrid vehicles to use diamond lanes (HOV lanes). This legislation, the *Hybrid High-Occupancy Lane Act*, would enable California to implement a new state law that allows high-mileage hybrids to use our diamond lanes. Sherman's bill will encourage the use of hybrid vehicles, help reduce air pollution and help reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

To further encourage people to invest in energy-efficient vehicles, Congressman Sherman introduced legislation to provide a \$2,000 tax deduction for hybrid vehicles. This provision was included in legislation signed into law in October. Sherman knows that if hybrid technology catches on, manufacturers will bring down the price and further improve mileage.



SUPPORTING EDUCATION

As in prior years, Congressman Sherman has earned a 100% rating from both the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and the National Education Association (NEA). Recently, Sherman helped secure \$390,000 in federal funds for High Tech High in Van Nuys, which attracts students from all over the Valley.



These funds will be used to purchase advanced technology equipment to help train students for careers in high tech fields.

Sherman strongly supported the recent renewal of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which guarantees an appropriate education for students with disabilities through grants to local school districts. He will continue to push for full funding of the federal government's share of special education costs, so that the burden does not fall on local school districts.

DOES THE IRS OWE YOU MONEY?

The IRS owes over \$500,000 to hundreds of San Fernando Valley residents whose tax refund checks could not be delivered. To see if the IRS owes money to you or a family member, go to BradSherman.house.gov. On our website we list only taxpayer names and zip codes, which are public information; specific addresses and amounts are not listed. You can check for your name by looking at each zip code in which you have resided over the years. You might also check for the names of relatives in each zip code relevant to them. If a refund is owed, the web page explains how to obtain it. If you do not have access to our website, just call our office for assistance.

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Let Congressman Sherman know where you stand. Fill out his online questionnaire: BradSherman.house.gov