



Congresswoman
Lucille Roybal-Allard
Reports **To the
 34th District**

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Dear Friends,

As your Member of Congress, I want to keep you informed about my work in the community and some of our recent accomplishments to improve the quality of life for all residents of the 34th Congressional District.

In spite of challenging budgetary times, we have had some notable successes. This newsletter highlights some of our recent achievements that will help to make our communities stronger and safer. They include federal awards for more buses, youth programs, local infrastructure projects, and equipment and training for local firefighters and police officers. We've also secured funds to help hospitals expand their facilities and increase access to medical care.

My hope is that this newsletter will be useful to you. I've included information about scholarships and financial aid opportunities for prospective college students and about tax credits that could mean real savings for you and your family. I've also included the contact information for my caseworkers. They're available to assist you in resolving problems with federal agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service, U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Services, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration.

These are just some of the ways I'm working on a daily basis at home and in our nation's capital to serve you, and I thank you for this great privilege. I would encourage you to stay in touch as well, to share your views and to let me know how I can be of most help to you, your family and the community. Whether by mail, phone, e-mail or in person, I'm always interested in hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lucille Roybal-Allard

Lucille Roybal-Allard
 Member of Congress




Recognizing individuals for their outstanding contributions to public safety, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) participated in the City of Bellflower's 10th Annual BRAVO Awards on February 19. During a speech at the event, the congresswoman praised the awardees for their exceptional valor and bravery in defense of their community and country. City of Bellflower Deputy Fire Chief Gary Lockhart is also pictured.



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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 \$4,204), 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, visit my web site at **www.house.gov/roybal-allard** or call **1 (800) 601-5552**.



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Keeping Our Children Healthy and Strong

One of Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's top priorities is to make sure children receive the medical care they need to have healthy lives. As a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, the congresswoman successfully worked to obtain \$2.3 million for the Orthopaedic Hospital Outpatient Medical Center in downtown Los Angeles to enable the center to help more children with crippling physical disorders. She also secured \$900,000 for the California Hospital Medical Center to help build a women's health pavilion that will provide badly needed services to women and children throughout the community.



Eight-year-old Emma Henderson presents Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard with the March of Dimes' 2003 National Public Affairs Leadership Award for her sponsorship of legislation to improve the health of mothers, infants, and children. Emma, who was born prematurely and given a 1 in 10 chance for survival, is now the National Ambassador for the March of Dimes. The foundation noted the congresswoman's leadership on numerous bills, including her "Folic Acid Education Act of 2000." This law directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to start a public education campaign on the importance of folic acid in preventing birth defects. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is also leading the effort to obtain \$25 million in federal funds to improve newborn screening programs.

On the Move

The 34th Congressional District remains one of the most transit dependent districts in the county. Our families rely heavily on public transportation for their everyday activities such as work, school and medical appointments. To improve the quality and accessibility of public transportation for her constituents, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard worked with her colleagues and local officials to secure critical transportation funding for the Los Angeles area.

- ▲ \$4 million for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to purchase more than one dozen new, fuel-efficient buses
- ▲ \$1 million for the Municipal Transit Operators Coalition to help seven smaller transit agencies in Los Angeles

- County purchase buses and bus facilities
- ▲ \$800,000 for LA City College to build a pedestrian connector to the Red Line subway to enhance student safety and create a more direct path
- ▲ \$700,000 to improve access to Interstate 5 in the county from the City of Commerce to the City of La Mirada to reduce the time cars and trucks spend idling to get onto the freeway
- ▲ \$500,000 for the LA MTA regional universal fare card system to make the system easier to use by reducing the number of tickets and transfers needed by passengers
- ▲ \$400,000 for the Atlantic Blvd. bridge-widening project in the City of Vernon to ease congestion and enhance pedestrian safety

Protecting Our Community

Homeland security and preparedness are priorities for Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. Ensuring the security of the ports is a critical responsibility because of the number of people employed and the importance of the ports to our economic vitality. That's why the congresswoman worked with local officials to secure \$37 million to strengthen port security. She also worked to secure more than \$30 million for a wide variety of emergency preparedness efforts, such as providing police and firefighters with the training and equipment they need to respond quickly and effectively in emergencies.



Supporting Small Business

Our Nation's Economic Engine

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard meets with Richard Friedman, owner of the Brooklyn Bagel Bakery in Los Angeles, on the 50th anniversary of his family business, to discuss issues impacting local businesses. Knowing that successful small businesses are the foundation of our nation's economy, the congresswoman visits businesses in the 34th District to learn firsthand about the issues and concerns important to business owners, managers and employees.

Building Strong Neighborhoods

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard secured federal funding to help make our communities more attractive places to live, work, raise a family and do business. Recent victories include: \$100,000 for a cultural and performing arts center at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Park; \$100,000 for the City of Huntington Park to prepare and execute a downtown economic redevelopment master plan; \$200,000 each for Bell and Cudahy sewage infrastructure repairs; and \$50 million for a new federal courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

Developing the Talents of Our Young People



Recognizing the important role art plays in developing a young person's talents and self-esteem, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard (*far right*) holds an annual high school art competition for students who live in the 34th Congressional District. **Mayfair High School student Kathy Hernandez** (*right of center*) — pictured with her parents, Orlando and Guadalupe Hernandez — was the 2003 winner for her color pencil drawing of her nephew titled "Baby Angst." Kathy received a scholarship and a free trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the exhibit opening. Kathy's artwork is on display for one year in our nation's U.S. Capitol.

Preparing for a Bright Future

Scholarships and Financial Aid

With the soaring costs of higher education, parents are finding it increasingly difficult to afford a college education. To help parents and students pay college tuition, I have put on my web site at www.house.gov/roybal-allard under "Making College Affordable," information about federal loans, internships, fellowships, private scholarships and work-study opportunities. For families in the 34th Congressional District without web access, please call my district office at (213) 628-9230 to have the materials mailed directly to you. To help parents and students properly fill out federal financial aid forms before the March deadline, I also sponsor financial aid workshops at the beginning of the year.

Stand Out with an Internship

Are you a college student with an interest in public service? If so, consider participating in my congressional internship program. Interns work in the Los Angeles office for school credit and learn firsthand about the federal government. For details, please call the Los Angeles office at (213) 628-9230.

Leaving No Child Behind

Educational initiatives to help young people succeed and to improve learning skills are top priorities for Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. As a member of the Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the U.S. Department of Education, the congresswoman continues to fight for the resources needed to fully fund the "No Child Left Behind Act." Despite last year's budget battles for scarce education dollars, the congresswoman is pleased to report the following local funding victories for Los Angeles youth:

- **\$350,000** for **Los Angeles' CLEAR** program to combat gangs and violence
- **\$250,000** for the **CLEAR** program in the **Hollenbeck Division**
- **\$100,000** for the **10-20 anti-gang program** in the **City of Downey**
- **\$250,000** for **LA's BEST**, an after-school program for at-risk children
- **\$200,000** for **Phoenix House**, a drug treatment facility for young people throughout the **Los Angeles** area
- **\$150,000** for the **East Los Angeles YMCA** to establish child care and wellness facilities
- **\$800,000** for a national media campaign against **underage drinking**



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard congratulates students who attended the Congressional Award Program recognition ceremony at Belmont High School in October. The students (pictured in the front row) were honored for earning certificates and medals for self-improvement and community service. More information about the program is available by visiting my web site at www.house.gov/roybal-allard and clicking onto the "Student Section."



Commemorating Our Freedom

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard meets with seniors during a Fourth of July ceremony at Hollenbeck Home in Boyle Heights. She thanked the residents of the retirement community for their contributions to this country and for their sacrifices during times of war. She said their dedication helped to preserve our nation's independence, freedoms and democratic way of life.

Constituent Office Hours

In addition to regular business hours at the Los Angeles office, caseworkers are available to provide individual assistance to you and your family at the locations below:

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 South 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

Bell

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Bell Community Ctr.
6250 Pine Avenue

Bellflower

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Bellflower City Hall
16600 Civic Center Drive

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 Annex
5550 Harbor Street

4th Tuesday of Each Month

Boyle Heights

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Wabash Recreation Ctr.
2765 Wabash Avenue

Cudahy

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



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard thanks representatives from our nation's U.S. service academies who traveled to Downey, CA, in November to conduct her annual workshop for students interested in attending the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. In return for a free college education, academy students are expected to serve in the military for five years following graduation. For more information, please call the Los Angeles office at (213) 628-9230 or visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard and click the "Student Section" and "Making College Affordable."

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