



# Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

## Reports *To the 34th District*

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Dear Friends,

I hope you will take just a few minutes out of your busy day to read this summer update. I've prepared it to give you a brief overview of some of the exciting things that are happening in our communities and the way I'm working to help families in the 34th Congressional District.

This newsletter highlights the talents and contributions of our residents and contains short articles about my efforts to address critical priorities such as expanding health care coverage for families, helping parents pay for college and upgrading our public roads.

You'll also find my contact information and constituent office hours. Please use them when you need assistance resolving problems with federal agencies or to simply let me know how I can better serve you.

As your representative, I always welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Lucille Roybal-Allard*

Lucille Roybal-Allard  
Member of Congress



**Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard speaks to seniors at the Bell Community Center in June about her efforts to protect guaranteed benefits under Social Security**

## Keeping Families Healthy

Each year thousands of Americans die from diseases such as the flu and pneumonia that can be prevented by safe and effective vaccines. To address this tragedy, the congresswoman is the author of the **"Total Health Requires Improved Vaccination Efforts (THRIVE) Act of 2005."** The measure would strengthen public outreach to adults about the importance of immunizations.



As a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, the congresswoman is working to pass three measures to cover more than half of the nation's 45 million uninsured.

- ▲ **The Small Business Health Insurance Promotion Act** would provide a tax credit to small business owners to offer coverage to their employees.
- ▲ **The Family Care Act** would cover low-income working parents whose children already qualify for state and federally provided health care.
- ▲ **The Medicare Early Access Act** would allow uninsured seniors between the ages of 55 and 64 to buy into Medicare for health care coverage.

## Getting Around

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard recently secured more than \$14 million for transportation projects that will make getting around town easier and safer. Through her efforts, federal awards will be received for important projects such as bridge repairs, street improvements, traffic signal upgrades and the reduction of diesel truck emissions:

- **\$1.24 million** for the City of Bellflower
- **\$800,000** for the City of Bell Gardens
- **\$2.4 million** for the City of Commerce
- **\$4.4 million** for the City of Downey
- **\$960,000** for the City of Huntington Park
- **\$3 million** for the City of Los Angeles
- **\$400,000** for Los Angeles County
- **\$400,000** for the City of Maywood
- **\$800,000** for the City of Vernon

# Protecting Our Homeland

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 respond to and, above all, prevent terrorist attacks. As a member on the Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee, she is working aggressively to ensure that the pending homeland security spending bill contains critical improvements for the coming year. In addition, in light of the London bombings, she recently met with representatives of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Amtrak, Metrolink and other transit systems to learn first-hand about their security measures and funding needs.

*A member of the Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard toured the Port of Los Angeles in*



*May on a U.S. Coast Guard 25-foot fast response boat with Rear Admiral Kevin J. Eldridge, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eleventh District. The armed speed boats are used in homeland security and law enforcement missions. Prior to the tour, she met with members of the Central California Area Maritime Security Committee which is made up of representatives from industry, labor, law enforcement, and first responder agencies at the federal, state, and local levels. They work together to protect the Los Angeles-Long Beach Port Complex.*

## Supporting Business

The congresswoman welcomed the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's 52-member lobbying team during its annual "ACCESS DC" visit to Capitol Hill. Chamber members met with the congresswoman and a bipartisan group of congressional leaders that included Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA-8) and House Appropriations Chairman Jerry Lewis (CA-41) to discuss legislative priorities such as the need for increased federal dollars for transportation, education and homeland security.



The congresswoman knows that successful small businesses strengthen our communities. To learn about the issues of most concern to owners, managers and employees, she recently visited three **Vernon**-based companies: the Red Chamber Company; Hannibal Industries, Inc.; and Home Best. She also met with chamber leaders throughout the 34th Congressional District to help coordinate efforts in support of small business and to identify topics for future workshops and seminars. In recognition of her work, the **Boyle Heights** Chamber of Commerce honored her in March with its Legislator of the Year Award.

## Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence

Understanding that economic security is essential to breaking the cycle of abuse for victims of domestic violence, the congresswoman is leading the effort to pass legislation she authored to help women become financially free of their abusers.

**"The Security and Financial Empowerment Act (SAFE)" would:**

- ▲ allow survivors up to 30 days of unpaid leave from work to go to court, see a doctor, or find a safe place to live.
- ▲ provide a uniform federal standard for all states to offer unemployment insurance to victims forced to leave their jobs as a result of domestic abuse.
- ▲ authorize a national resource center to provide assistance to employers and labor organizations to help victims.

In recognition of the congresswoman's longstanding advocacy in Congress on behalf of victims of domestic violence, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women honored her with its **2005 President's Award**.

The Los Angeles County



Commission for Women



At an event in downtown Los Angeles, the congresswoman was thanked by leaders of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities for successfully securing \$750,000 for the expansion of the Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program. Pictured left to right: Larry Lue, Executive Director of the Chinatown Service Center; Joel Jacinto, Executive Director of Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA); Chancee Martorell, Executive Director of the Thai Community Development Center; John Ho Song, Executive Director of the Korean Youth & Community Center; Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA-31); Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34); H. Cooke Sunoo, Director of the Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program; Lorenzo Flores and Marchelle Bailey of the Los Angeles District Office of the Small Business Administration; and Bill Watanabe, Executive Director of the Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation.

# Developing the Talents of Our Young People



Recognizing the important role art plays in developing a young person's talents and self-esteem, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (left) praises **Mayfair High School student Steven Montgomery** of Bellflower (second left) for winning the annual high school art competition that she holds for students who live in the 34th Congressional District. Steven - also shown with his parents, Diana and Steve - won for his color pencil drawing titled "The World Reflected in an Eye." His artwork is on display for one year in our nation's U.S. Capitol.

## 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. In addition, for students interested in attending our nation's U.S. service academies, the congresswoman hosts an 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](http://www.house.gov/roybal-allard) and click "Making College Affordable," or call (213) 628-9230

## Curbing Underage Drinking

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has been the leader in the national effort to combat the crisis of underage drinking in our country. Based on research that found most young people obtain alcohol from a parent or another adult, she successfully secured federal funding for a multimedia Ad Council campaign directed at parents. To create a steady source of funding for the national media campaign, she recently introduced a bipartisan bill called the "STOP (Sober Truth On Preventing underage drinking) Act." The STOP Act would also create a federal inter-agency committee to coordinate all federal activities on underage drinking, and authorize funding to provide states, non-profits and institutions of higher education with competitive grants to create statewide coalitions to prevent underage drinking and alcohol abuse on college campuses. For her efforts, the congresswoman was nationally honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

### E-Mail Updates

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**Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard** meets with intern **Noemi Rodriguez of Bell High School** to discuss her experience working in the congresswoman's district office in downtown Los Angeles. Students who live in the 34th Congressional District and are interested in internship opportunities in her district or Washington, D.C. offices are encouraged to call (213) 628-9230.

# Paying Tribute to Our Veterans



During a Memorial Day dedication of the Veterans Memorial Wall at Downey Cemetery, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard spoke about the importance of honoring our nation's veterans. Pictured from left to right: Dr. Gary McCaughan, former Downey Mayor; Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard; Kenneth Beckner, chair of the Downey Cemetery District Board of Directors; and Diane Boggs, former Downey Mayor and cemetery board vice chair.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard congratulates Hospital Corpsman Third Class Victor Urena of Downey for being honored with the distinguished Navy Times "Sailor of the Year" award. The Purple Heart recipient saved many lives in Iraq by providing advanced trauma life support to wounded soldiers and civilians.

## Constituent Office Hours

**I**n addition to regular business hours at the Los Angeles office, 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

#### 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  
2535 Commerce Way

### 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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