



*Congresswoman*  
**Lucille Roybal-Allard**  
**REPORTS**  
*To the 34th Congressional District*

**June 2006**



Dear Friends,

This newsletter comes to you as we approach the commemoration of an important event in American history.

The Fourth of July is the time we reflect upon our Declaration of Independence and the many things we have to be grateful for in our country.

I am grateful for the privilege of representing you in the U.S. Congress. In honoring this privilege, I continue to work to ensure that the residents of our district are given opportunities for a better life. The following pages give you a glimpse of my efforts on your behalf.

I look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions or comments and I extend to you my best wishes for a joyful and safe summer season.

Sincerely,

*Lucille Roybal-Allard*

Lucille Roybal-Allard  
 Member of Congress

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**Keeping Families Healthy**

As a member of the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, the congresswoman is committed to expanding access to health care for area families. In March, the congresswoman met with representatives from nine area health care clinics to discuss their patients' health care needs. In recognition of her advocacy, the National Association of Community Health Centers honored her with its 2005 **Distinguished Community Health Defender Award**.



Helping mothers give birth to healthy babies is a top priority for the congresswoman. The congresswoman's **Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2006** would provide federal grants to improve newborn screening tests and make them more widely available. In addition, the **Folic Acid Education Act of 2000**—sponsored by the congresswoman—created a national public education campaign about the importance of folic acid in preventing birth defects.



To help seniors sign up for the new Medicare prescription drug plan, the congresswoman visited senior centers throughout the district. In Huntington Park, the congresswoman (pictured center) arranged for representatives from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to visit the Oldtimers Foundation. The agency's counselors arrived in an outreach bus equipped with computers and other resources to help seniors sort through the complicated array of plans available to them. More information is available by contacting the Center for Health Care Rights in Los Angeles at 1 (800) 824-0780.

# Protecting Our Communities

**Recognizing the critical role local law enforcement plays in creating safe communities, the congresswoman secured federal funding for the following initiatives:**

- ▲ \$49,500 for upgrades to the City of Downey's police and fire department dispatch service;
- ▲ \$173,250 for the "Safer City" initiative in Ramona Gardens in Boyle Heights to reduce crime in targeted neighborhoods; and
- ▲ \$148,500 for the Bell Gardens Police Department to expand its communications technology.



**Congresswoman Roybal-Allard (pictured standing next to the banner) is joined by residents, local law enforcement officials and community leaders at the Boyle Heights National Night Out Against Crime event at the Hollenbeck Community Police Station. The congresswoman discussed her efforts to combat local crime by securing federal funds for anti-gang programs, recreational youth programs and to hire law enforcement officers.**

## Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence

The congresswoman won final passage of a measure in December that she authored to create a national resource center to help employers address the consequences of domestic violence in the workplace. The national resource center will provide employers with the needed expertise and tools to assist employees who are victims of domestic violence while helping them to keep their jobs.

## Homeland Security

As a member of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, the congresswoman continues to fight to keep our nation secure. She is a sponsor of the Democratic **Real Security Agenda**. This broad initiative will strengthen national, state and local preparedness by immediately implementing the 9/11 Commission's recommendations. The plan includes measures to better secure our ports, airports, borders and mass transit systems. The agenda also calls for the enactment of a **GI Bill of Rights for the 21st Century**. This bill guarantees that our troops, our veterans and their families receive the pay, health care, mental health services and other benefits they have earned and deserve.

# Supporting Our Businesses

## Chambers of Commerce

The congresswoman hosts the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce during its annual ACCESS DC visit to Capitol Hill. As part of ACCESS DC, she takes a lead role in bringing chamber members together with congressional leaders to discuss key federal issues, such as transportation and goods movement, homeland security funding and ensuring that our region's students receive the education necessary to compete in a global economy.

In addition, to learn about the issues of concern to small business owners, managers and employees, the congresswoman regularly attends local chamber events throughout the 34th District. The Vernon Chamber of Commerce, the East L.A. Chamber of Commerce, the Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Korean American Economic Development Center welcomed her recently at district events held to bring together local business leaders and elected officials.

## Helping to Revitalize Downtown

Born and raised in Boyle Heights and a current proud resident of downtown Los Angeles, the congresswoman is leading the effort to bring federal dollars to the downtown area. She secured funding for the new federal courthouse, the Edward R. Roybal Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, the First Street Now facelift, and restoration of St. Vibiana's Cathedral. The congresswoman also regularly visits downtown businesses, including Pac West, a telecommunications company, and studios in the Arts District. In addition, her support of the fiber, textile, and apparel industries – heavily concentrated in downtown's Garment District - prompted the National Textile Center to recognize her with its University Research Consortium Award.



**Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (shown third from right) joined local business leaders at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 103rd anniversary luncheon in January. The congresswoman discussed her efforts to assist the community by securing federal funds for road improvements, emergency dispatch services and the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center's space shuttle exhibit.**

# 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 (pictured left) holds an annual high school art competition for students who live in the 34th Congressional District. Mayfair High School student Jennifer Rosas of Bellflower was this year's winner. Jennifer's artwork will be 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 annual 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**.



**Devon Zillmer**



**Akira Nervik**



**Jillian Buchanan**

After the successful completion of a very competitive application process that included a nomination from the congresswoman, three Bellflower residents accepted the following appointments to U.S. service academies: **Devon Zillmer**, United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; **Akira Nervik**, the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; and **Jillian Buchanan**, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, New York.

## Supporting Area Youth

Education initiatives to help young people succeed are top priorities for Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, she fights for federal funding to help area youth. Her efforts have resulted in the following recent awards: \$198,000 for the renovation of the City of Huntington Park's recreation center; \$198,000 for the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Boyle Heights to renovate its recreational facilities; \$247,500 for an at-risk youth program in Bell Gardens; and \$198,000 for the Phoenix House to expand drug treatment services for Los Angeles youth.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard discussed her work in Congress with the staff and children at Women's and Children's Hospital in Boyle Heights. After she read to local children as part of the hospital's Reach Out and Read literacy program, the doctors provided the congresswoman with a tour of the medical facility.



*Friends of the Chinese American Museum presented the congresswoman (shown center) with its **Excellence in Government Award** for her leadership in Congress and help in securing \$150,000 in federal funds for the museum's permanent exhibit.*

*The congresswoman (far left) acknowledged Father Paul Caporali for his 50 years of priesthood at a celebration in Bellflower. Also pictured: Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (second right); Bellflower City Councilmember Dorothy King (center); and Sonny Santa Ines (far right) of the Knights of Columbus, Council 3052 in Bellflower.*



## Constituent Office Hours

**I**n addition to regular business hours at the congresswoman's 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.  
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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