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Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

Reports to the 34th District

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Dear Friends,

While we have faced many challenges over the past year, we can also be grateful for our many accomplishments and blessings.

The pages of this newsletter highlight just a few of the people and places that make me so proud to represent the 34th Congressional District. Pictured on page three, for example, is Joshua Ramirez, a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy from Huntington Park. Joshua proudly reminds us of the tremendous patriotism and bravery of our young people who are defending our country and protecting us from harm. The students at the Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, pictured on page three, remind us of our children's potential and the importance of helping them develop their many talents. On page two is Emergency Medical Technician Mike Roberts. Mike's experience while directing emergency equipment at the scene of the Commerce train derailment, reminds us of the tremendous heroism of our emergency personnel.

This newsletter also features some of our hard-fought 2004 legislative victories that will help make our communities stronger and our families healthier and safer. The victories include federal funding for job-training programs, expanding health care facilities, after-school programs, new computers for schoolchildren, gang-prevention programs and badly needed buses. These are important victories, however, much more needs to be done.

In 2005, I pledge to continue to fight for you and our 34th Congressional District and to find new and better ways to serve you and your family through programs and services such as those highlighted in this newsletter.

As your Member of Congress, it is my privilege to represent you in our nation's capital and I extend to you my best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Lucille Roybal-Allard

Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress



High School Art Competition

Recognizing the important role art plays in developing a young person's talents and self-esteem, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard holds an annual high school art competition for students who live in the 34th Congressional District. **Mayfair High School student Christine Bae** (pictured) was the 2004 winner for her watercolor painting titled "Reflection." Christine received a scholarship and a free trip to Washington, D.C., where her artwork is on display for one year in our nation's U.S. Capitol Building. The deadline to submit entries for the 2005 competition is March 1. For more information call the congresswoman's district office at (213) 628-9230.

Curbing Underage Drinking

A leading congressional advocate in the fight against underage drinking, the congresswoman is the author of HR 4888, "The STOP Underage Drinking Act." This bill will provide funding for critical educational and research initiatives to help reduce the high rate of underage drinking in our communities. As part of this effort, she secured federal funding for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to continue underage drinking Spanish-language public service announcements and for the Ad Council to develop an underage drinking national media awareness campaign directed at parents. To honor her for her work on this critical issue, MADD bestowed upon the congresswoman its **2004 Congressional Excellence Award**. The congresswoman's passion for addressing this issue stems from the fact that the consequences of underage drinking are often disastrous. An Institute of Medicine study found that young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 quadruple their chances of becoming alcoholics. It also cited a strong correlation between underage drinking and violence, risky sexual behavior, poor school performance and suicide.

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Protecting Our Homeland

Homeland Security

As a member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Appropriations, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard works hard to protect our residents from terrorist attacks, and to give our police, firefighters, paramedics and other critical personnel the life-saving tools they need to adequately and safely respond. That's why she successfully fought for passage of key provisions in the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security appropriations bill. Due to her efforts, the measure requires that all flight attendants receive in-flight terrorist-response training and that immigration officer jobs that require the handling of classified information are not contracted out and remain federal positions. Because security evaluations of some of our nation's most important sites have been lagging, she successfully set a deadline of September 30, 2005 for the completion of security assessments of critical infrastructure, including power plants, highways, food and water sources and key national monuments and landmarks. She also ushered through legislative language to ensure that port security grants are allocated to the ports with the greatest need, such as the **Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Complex**. In addition, the spending measure contains a \$26 million increase for Fiscal Year 2005 for port security grants, a \$64.3 million increase to expand a shipping container inspection program, a \$160 million increase nationwide in homeland security funding for larger urban areas such as Los Angeles and \$65 million to hire new firefighters.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard thanked **Emergency Medical Technician Mike Roberts** during a May visit to Washington, D.C. for his outstanding leadership in directing emergency equipment to the scene of the 2003 15-car train derailment in the City of Commerce. For his extraordinary performance in emergency medical service, Mr. Roberts was honored by the American Ambulance Association, which bestowed upon him its prestigious **Star of Life Award**.

Helping to Revitalize Downtown

Born and raised in Boyle Heights and a current proud resident of downtown, the congresswoman is dedicated to the ongoing revitalization of an area she calls "the heart of Los Angeles." From her position on the House Appropriations Committee, she leads the effort to bring federal dollars to downtown for important infrastructure and renewal projects. Recent successes include securing federal funding to:

- ▲ construct a new federal courthouse in downtown Los Angeles for the Central District Court of California to replace an aging, inefficient and unsafe facility;
- ▲ construct the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension which will bring safe, efficient and reliable transportation to downtown, Boyle Heights, East LA, Little Tokyo and the Arts District;
- ▲ repair and restore the historic Angels Flight rail system on Bunker Hill in downtown Los Angeles;
- ▲ extend Second Street from Grand Avenue to Olive Street in downtown Los Angeles to improve the flow of traffic for both commuters and pedestrians;
- ▲ construct a women's health pavilion at California Hospital Medical Center in downtown Los Angeles;
- ▲ provide classes for workers and small business owners at Fashion Business, Inc. in downtown in order to create and retain jobs in the fashion industry.

For her tireless work to revitalize downtown, the congresswoman was recognized with Project Restore's **2004 Community Service Award**.

Supporting Businesses

Understanding the importance of our business community, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard helps to bring together local businesses and Members of Congress to discuss federal legislative priorities. In May, she hosted the **Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce** during its annual "ACCESS DC" trip. The congresswoman organized a bipartisan luncheon as well as private office meetings for chamber members and congressional leaders.

Small Business

Knowing that successful small businesses are the foundation of our nation's economy, the congresswoman hosted district-wide meetings to help local chambers better serve their membership. As part of this effort, she worked with local chambers to draft a survey to distribute to their membership and local businesses. The results of the survey will be used to identify meaningful topics for future workshops and seminars to help area businesses grow and prosper.



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard listens to **Pedro Gaviña, President of Gaviña & Sons, Inc.**, explain his family's long-held methods for making gourmet coffee. The congresswoman visited his Vernon facility in August where the company's coffee is roasted, packaged and supplied to restaurants, supermarkets and coffee houses throughout the Los Angeles region and other select areas of the country. The tour was part of her continuing effort to learn about the issues and concerns that are most important to local business owners, managers and employees.



Developing the Talents of Our Young People



Student Opportunities

Scholarships and Financial Aid

With the soaring costs of higher education, parents are finding it increasingly difficult to afford a college education for their children. To help parents and students pay college tuition, the congresswoman provides information about federal loans, internships, fellowships, private scholarships and work-study opportunities on her web site at www.house.gov/roybal-allard under "Making College Affordable." For families in the 34th Congressional District without web access, please call the 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, she also sponsors financial aid workshops at the beginning of each year.

Stand Out with an Internship

Are you a college student with an interest in public service? If so, consider participating in the congresswoman's 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.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard welcomes **Cadet Joshua Ramirez of Huntington Park** who attends the prestigious United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Ramirez and other representatives from our nation's U.S. service academies traveled to Bellflower in October to conduct the congresswoman's 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 "Making College Affordable" and "How to Get a Free, Four-Year College Education."



During **Teach for America Week** in October, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard met with a third grade class at the Camino Nuevo Charter Academy in the Westlake area of Los Angeles to discuss her work in Congress. As part of the annual event, leaders from all professions serve as guest teachers in schools throughout the country to raise awareness about the importance of expanding educational opportunities for children growing up in low-income communities.

Education

Educational initiatives to help young people succeed are top priorities for Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. As a member of the Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the U.S. Department of Education, she fights for federal funding to help area youth. The congresswoman's efforts have resulted in the following awards: \$495,000 for after-school programs in Boyle Heights; \$182,000 for new computers for students in Filipinotown, Bell Gardens and Boyle Heights; \$694,000 for the CLEAR program to combat gangs and violence; and \$148,000 for an arts initiative that will serve 13 Los Angeles communities.

Keeping Our Children Healthy

Expanding access to health care for area families is also a top priority for Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. As a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, she successfully worked to obtain \$1.49 million for White Memorial Medical Center in Boyle Heights to expand its neonatal intensive care, emergency care and cardiac care units. The Center honored her with its **2004 Community Leader of the Year Award** and named its pediatric therapy gym after her.



Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is committed to helping children and families receive the medical care they need and deserve. She is the author of legislation that would promote newborn screening programs aimed at minimizing the long-term damage caused when certain birth defects go undetected. The congresswoman is also a leader in the effort to educate the public about the importance of folic acid in preventing birth defects. To further these efforts, she worked to secure \$2 million in federal funding for a national folic acid education campaign and \$1.84 million for a national newborn screening program for 2005. For her work on these issues, the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition honored the congresswoman with its **2004 Special Impact Award**.

Building Strong Communities

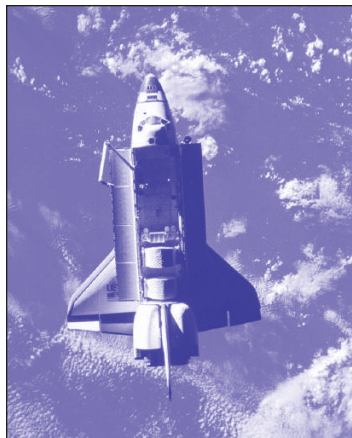


Believing strongly that seniors deserve to live their golden years with integrity and security, the congresswoman meets with seniors throughout her district to learn about their concerns. During such a visit in July, the congresswoman met with seniors at Angelus Plaza in downtown Los Angeles.

Community Projects

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard secured federal funding to enhance the quality of life in the communities where we live, work, raise a family and do business. At the congresswoman's urging, dozens of worthwhile district and regional projects received funding for 2005. They include: \$119,000 for a wheelchair-accessible van in Bellflower; \$1.98 million for new buses in the county; \$248,000 for a consortium of southeast cities that includes Downey, Bellflower, Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce and Vernon, to conduct a study to determine the best solutions to address storm water pollution in the LA River; \$2.98 million for the Harbor South Bay Recycled Water Project that provides many Los Angeles area businesses with a reliable supply of water for industrial use; and \$22.8 million for the deepening of the main channel of Los Angeles Harbor to accommodate new and larger container vessels. For a complete listing of projects, please visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard and click "Latest News."

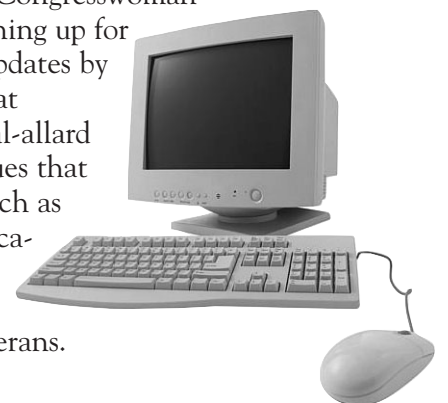
Paying Tribute to Space Pioneers



The history of America's space program runs deep through the fabric of Downey. Representing the home of the former Rockwell International plant where key components of NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia were built, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard successfully authored a measure to name a planned space science learning center at the former plant site, "The Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center." The victory for the congresswoman and the City of Downey took place in October when the bill that pays tribute to the seven brave astronauts who lost their lives on February 1, 2003 was signed into law.

E-mail Updates

Stay "connected" to Congresswoman Roybal-Allard by signing up for periodic electronic updates by visiting her web site at www.house.gov/roybal-allard and checking the issues that most concern you, such as budget, business, education, health, homeland security, seniors, transportation or veterans.



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
Los Angeles, CA

Bell Gardens

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Gardens City Hall
7100 South Garfield Avenue
Bell Gardens, CA

Bell

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

Bellflower

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

2nd Tuesday of Each Month

Downey

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Barbara Riley Community Ctr.
7810 Quill Drive
Downey, CA

Maywood

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Maywood City Hall
4319 E. Slauson Avenue
Maywood, CA

Huntington Park

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Huntington Park City Hall
6550 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, CA

Commerce

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Commerce City Hall
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, CA

4th Tuesday of Each Month

Boyle Heights, Cudahy

For our new Boyle Heights and Cudahy locations, please call the district office at (213) 628-9230. We apologize for any inconvenience.