



# *Congressman Dana Rohrabacher* California's 46th District Bulletin

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## **Congressman Rohrabacher's District Offices**

### **District Office**

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310/377-9493 Toll Free from Long Beach  
*Office Hours:*  
*Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm*

### **Conservation Corps Bldg.**

340 Nieto Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90814  
*Office Hours*  
*First, third & fifth Tuesday*  
*10am to 5:30pm*  
*And by appointment*

### **Satellite District Offices:\***

#### **Palos Verdes**

550 Deep Valley Drive, #355  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274  
*Office Hours:*  
*Second & fourth Wednesday*  
*10am to 5pm*  
*And by appointment*

*\*Satellite office space courtesy of Hon. Michelle Steel, SBOE and Hon. Gary DeLong.*

## ***How to Apply For or Renew Your Passport***

### **How to Apply for the First Time**

You must apply in person if:

- you are applying for your first U.S. Passport
- you are under age 16
- your previous U.S. Passport was:
  - issued when you were under 16
  - issued more than 15 years ago
  - is lost, stolen, or damaged

**STEP 1: Complete and Submit Form DS-11: *Application For A U.S. Passport.*** DS-11 can be printed or completed online ([http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11\\_842.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html)). DO NOT SIGN the form until instructed to do so at the Acceptance Facility.

### **STEP 2: Submit Evidence of U.S. Citizenship**

You will need one of the following: a previously issued, undamaged passport, a certified birth certificate, a naturalization certificate, or a certificate of citizenship.

### **STEP 3: Present Identification**

You will need one of the following: a previously issued, undamaged passport, a naturalization certificate, a valid driver's license, or a current government (city, state, or federal) or military ID

### **STEP 4: Pay the Applicable Fee**

### **STEP 5: Provide Two (2) Passport Photos**

Your photos must be identical, in color, 2x2 in., show your current appearance, full face view, in normal street attire, and without a hat

### **Need a passport in a hurry?**

Make an appointment with the National Passport Information Center (877-487-2778, or [http://travel.state.gov/passport/about/npic/npic\\_898.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/about/npic/npic_898.html)) only if you need your passport in less than 2 weeks for international travel or within 4 weeks in order to obtain a foreign visa.

### **You May Renew Your U.S. Passport by Mail If Your Most Recent US Passport Was Issued:**

- when you were 16 years or older
  - within the last 15 years
  - in your current name
- Is available to submit and not damaged

To renew your passport by mail, you must submit Form DS-82, *Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail*, which can be completed online at [http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds82/ds82\\_843.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds82/ds82_843.html).

### **Report a lost or stolen valid passport immediately!**

If you lose your passport overseas, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

**To replace** your lost or stolen passport, submit Form DS-11: *Application for a U.S. Passport* and Form DS-64: *Statement Regarding a Lost or Stolen Passport* in person at a Passport Acceptance Facility. For specific instructions, visit [http://travel.state.gov/passport/lost/us/us\\_848.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/lost/us/us_848.html)

### **PASSPORT APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE FACILITIES**

**Costa Mesa (CM):** CM Library (1855 Park Ave), CM Post Office (1590 Adams Ave), Mesa Center Station Post Office (2230 Fairview)

**Fountain Valley:** Fountain Valley Post Office (17227 Newhope St)

**Huntington Beach (HB):** Beach Center Station Post Office (316 Olive Ave), HB City Clerk's Office (2000 Main St), HB Main Post Office (6771 Warner Ave)

**Westminster:** Westminster Post Office (15030 Golden West Circle)

**Seal Beach:** Seal Beach Main Post Office (2929 Westminster Ave)

**Long Beach:** CSULB (1250 Bellflower Blvd. Brotman Hall 250)

**Palos Verdes:** PV Peninsula Post Office (955 Deep Valley Drive)

**Rolling Hills Estates:** PV Library District (701 Silver Spur Rd)

Visit [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738\\_2.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738_2.html) for more details about passports, application processing times, and fees.

# **AVOID FRAUD AND SCAMS**

***DON'T BE MANIPULATED by phone calls, mail requests, or front-door solicitors!***

**OPERATION FALSE CHARITY:** The United States Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) "Operation False Charity" is a recent nationwide crackdown on fraudulent telemarketers who claim to help police, firefighters, and veterans. For example, the FTC uncovered three sham non-profit organizations from Santa Ana, CA that used deception to convince consumers into contributing money. The FTC has a Web site to help you donate wisely – <http://www.ftc.gov/charityfraud/>. The site provides access to FTC's charity checklist, several publications, as well as links to other helpful charity Web sites.

**FINANCIAL AND HOMEOWNER SCAMS:** The Federal Trade Commission has advised that scammers are targeting people who are having trouble paying their mortgages. Some claim to be able to "rescue" homeowners from foreclosures, while others promise loan modifications – for a fee. Information on how to avoid mortgage scams is available in an FTC publication at – <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/homes/real16.pdf>. You may also call my district office to request a printed copy. Another helpful resource is the FTC's "Money Matters" Web site (<http://www.ftc.gov/MoneyMatters>) which offers information on mortgage payments, foreclosure rescue scams, credit repair, debt collection, job-hunting and jobs scams, and vehicle repossession.

**CURBING CAR WARRANTY ROBO CALLS:** A U.S. District Court Judge has issued a temporary restraining order that prevents telemarketing companies from making phone calls that deceive consumers into thinking that their vehicle's warranty is about to expire. If you receive these unsolicited phone calls and your phone number is on the Do Not Call registry, you should report them to DoNotCall.gov. Also, you will find the FTC consumer alert "How to Steer Clear of Auto Warranty Scam's" at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt155.pdf> or you may call my district office to request a printed copy.

## **If you have a problem with a federal agency...**

One of the most important things I do as your Representative in the House is assist people with federal agency problems. Although I cannot override the decisions made by federal agencies, I can intervene on a constituent's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape.

- Senior Citizens Social Security, Medicare, disability & Supplemental Security Income benefit problems;
- Taxpayers with IRS tax issues;
- Veterans with VA claims and military service difficulties;
- Immigration/Visa questions

Please Note: I am required by the Privacy Act to obtain prior written authorization to inquire on your behalf. Please visit my website and download and then complete the privacy authorization form or just write a detailed letter and fax it to my office at (714)960-7806.

## ***Did you know?***

In 1986, Congress enacted the Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA) to ensure public access to emergency services regardless of ability to pay. Section 1867 of the Social Security Act imposes specific obligations on Medicare-participating hospitals that offer emergency services to provide a medical screening examination (MSE) when a request is made for examination or treatment for an emergency medical condition (EMC), including active labor, regardless of an individual's ability to pay. Hospitals are then required to provide stabilizing treatment for patients with EMCs. If a hospital is unable to stabilize a patient within its capability, or if the patient requests, an appropriate transfer is implemented.