



Rep. Grace Napolitano

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Napolitano Hosts Vets Jobs Fair

On Tuesday, June 12, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano hosted a veterans job and resource fair to assist veterans and other job-seekers in finding work. More than 200 people attended the event, which featured hiring employers, job training opportunities, free haircuts, and health screenings from the Veterans Administration's mobile clinic.

"This job fair is an opportunity to not only help vets but all of those looking for work," Napolitano said. "In this economy there are many hardworking people who are out of a job through no fault of their own, and it is important that we use all of the resources in the community to help them find employment."

"These job fairs are incredibly important," said Michael



Napolitano addresses job-seekers in Norwalk in June.

Dolphin, Division Chief of Employment Development Department for Greater Los Angeles Area. "Job-seekers have the opportunity to connect with employers in a different way rather than in the job interview process."

WOMEN OF THE YEAR



On May 25, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano honored 25 women nominated for exemplary service by volunteer organizations at Town Center Hall in Santa Fe Springs. "I want to thank all of these remarkable women who volunteer their time for our communities," Napolitano said. "Their selfless dedication and tireless work are an inspiration to all of us." **Pictured above, front row, left to right:** Sandra Kraft, Norwalk American Legion Auxiliary; Doris Koegel-Roth, Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple; Barbara Kalajian, Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Cathedral; Marisol Hernandez, William Workman High School; Cynthia Gomez, Garfield High School Army JROTC; Susanna Fajardo-Rovira, City of La Puente; Rep. Grace Napolitano; Estella Estrada, Silver Years Club; Evelyn Eleccion,

Good Neighbor Senior Club; Gloria Duran, City of Santa Fe Springs; Jenny Chen, Buddha's Light Hsi Lai School; Esther Celiz, City of Pico Rivera; Guadalupe Bojorquez, LA County Department of Parks and Recreation. **Back row, left to right:** Lupe Valdez, City of Montebello; Carol Salas, Pio Pico Women's Club; Violeta Rodriguez, Happy Years Senior Club; Suzy Rodriguez, East Los Angeles Residents Association; Adriana Rodriguez, East Los Angeles Women's Center; Olivia Roberts, Los Altos High School; Cassie Ritz, Norwalk Community Coordinating Council; Lissa Palacios, Eastmont Community Center; Alice Nanez, Shade Lane Senior Club; Hermelinda Martinez, St. Hilary Parish; Faith Lungren, The Gabriel Foundation; Irene Luna, Palomares Park Senior Center.

Housing Homeless Vets

On June 6, Rep. Napolitano congratulated the Vet Hunters Project for finding housing for 45 local veterans who were about to be made homeless by the closing of the Pomona YMCA.

"I salute the Vet Hunters Project and all of the community groups who helped find housing for our homeless vets," Napolitano said. "Their compassion and decisive action show that our community has not forgotten the great sacrifices our homeless veterans made for us fighting overseas. These volunteers have been heroes for many homeless veterans, and they deserve our recognition and support."

On May 11, Vet Hunters was joined by Volunteers for America, California Conservation Corps, Department of Social Services County of Los Angeles, Department of Housing and Homeless Issues of Pomona, the Pomona YMCA, Veterans Collaborative of Pomona, and the Veterans Affairs Department. By working together, they were able to find new housing for all 45 vets. For assistance for homeless vets, visit vethunters.org

Resources for Returning Vets

- "Feds Hire Vets" is a policy that gives veterans priority for government jobs. Visit www.fedshirevets.gov
- "Post-9/11 GI Bill" and the "Montgomery GI Bill" can help veterans pay for college. Visit www.gibill.va.gov
- VA Home Loans can help veterans buy or refinance a home - visit www.homeloans.va.gov
- **Medical treatment and benefits are available.** Visit www.vba.va.gov for general info, or call Rep. Napolitano's office at (562) 801-2134 for help if you have a VA case
- "Coaching into Care" can help family and friends assist veterans with mental health issues. Call 1-888-823-7458 or visit www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/
- Post-Traumatic Stress - Call 1-800-342-9647 or visit www.ptsd.va.gov for free assistance.
- **Traumatic Brain Injury** - Call 1-866-966-1020 or visit www.dvbic.org to learn about resources for TBI.
- **Assistance for Homeless Vets** - Contact Vet Hunters at info@vethunters.org

Napolitano Promotes Mental Health

Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA), supported by her fellow Congressional Mental Health Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA), introduced a bipartisan resolution, H.Res 640, to recognize May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. Three briefings were held in Washington, D.C. during Mental Health Month, covering children's mental health, mental health programs in the military, and mental health resources for Congressional staff.

"Mental health is an issue we usually do not see, hear, or speak about," Napolitano said. "May Mental Health Awareness Month is a time when advocates across the country speak with one voice and break through that stigma. Napolitano is Co-Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, and the sponsor of H.R. 751, the Mental Health in Schools Act, a bill that would provide on-site behavioral health services in schools. Nationally, suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death for youth ages 15-24. The legislation is modeled after a



Rep. Napolitano discusses mental health issues with military officials in Washington, DC

school-based mental health program Napolitano started in her District in 2001, which has now expanded to 15 schools. **National Mental Health Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK**

Supreme Court Ruling on Affordable Care Act

Napolitano applauded the Supreme Court for upholding President Obama's health care law, which also secures and protects critical mental health services for all Americans.

"This is a victory for the mental health community and anyone affected by mental health related issues. Mental wellness is just as important as physical wellness, to ensure the quality of life of our youngsters, our families, our communities, and our returning service members," Napolitano said. "The mental health provisions within the Affordable Care Act (ACA) expand on service delivery and most importantly, make certain that no American will be discriminated against when seeking mental health care. Recognition for the need of mental health services is long overdue."

The provisions in ACA will continue to make mental health an essential part of basic coverage, fund new screening programs to catch mental health related issues early on, and encourage care for suicide attempt survivors and individuals living with serious mental illness.

Timeline for benefits of ACA

- January 1, 2013: New funding to state Medicaid programs to expand the number of Americans receiving preventive care
- January 1, 2014: If your employer does not offer insurance, you will be able to buy it directly in an Affordable Insurance Exchange
- January 1, 2015: Physician payments will be tied directly to the quality care they provide

Impact on California's 38th Congressional District:*

- 6,700 young adults under age 26 have health insurance.
 - 4,600 seniors received prescription drug discounts worth \$2 million, saving on average \$430 per senior.
 - 45,000 seniors received Medicare preventive services without paying any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles.
 - 9,000 to 42,000 children with preexisting health conditions can no longer be denied coverage by health insurers
- Visit napolitano.house.gov for more info

* Source: House Committee on Energy & Commerce

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

On June 5, Rep. Napolitano joined Metro Gold Line Construction Authority Board Members for a tour of the I-210 Bridge construction project. The I-210 bridge is a major part of the Gold Line Foothill Transit Extension project that will bring the transit rail line over the 210 freeway and extend transit service for 11.5 miles from Pasadena to Azusa. The tour provided information on the 7,000 jobs being created by this project*, the improved transit service, and reduced traffic congestion that this project will alleviate. Rep. Napolitano and the San Gabriel Valley Congressional delegation provided initial funding for the Gold Line Foothill Extension and were able to convince the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority to fund the project. To learn more about the Gold Line extension, visit www.foothillextension.org

*Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority



Rep. Napolitano discusses plans for Foothill Extension with Construction Authority Board Members

Improved Hydropower

On June 26, Water and Power Subcommittee Ranking Member Grace Napolitano and Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Edward Markey (D-MA) introduced legislation to improve the performance of federally-owned and operated hydroelectric dams across America. The "Hydro 2.0 Act" allows the Bureau of Reclamation to upgrade the efficiency of existing dams before building new and costly dams.

"Whether it's our water systems or hydropower projects, efficiency improvements are the most cost effective water and power supply," said Rep. Napolitano. "The ability to make our existing hydropower systems more efficient, mitigate for environmental impacts caused by hydropower, while paying down the debt associated with power, is a win-win-win for everyone."

Visit democrats.naturalresources.house.gov for more info

Congress Passes Transportation Bill to Keep Economy Moving and Student Loan Rates from Increasing

On June 29 Rep. Grace F. Napolitano voted in favor of H.R. 4348, the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, to continue to fund highway construction, highway safety, and transit programs through September 2014. H.R. 4348 ultimately passed by a vote of 373-52.

“While it is not quite the bill we were hoping for,” Napolitano said. “This will keep the economy moving and create the new jobs and transportation projects we need.”

Key Components of Transportation Bill:

- Protects existing passenger rail safety provisions to implement Positive Train Control (PTC)
- Extends California NEPA-CEQA Environmental Streamlining Program, to will speed up transportation projects at lower project costs
- Increases transportation and infrastructure loans to fund more public transit projects in the Los Angeles area

Included in H.R. 4348, the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, was a provision to keep interest rates on federally subsidized student loans from doubling on July 1. “Education is critical to ensure the continued success of our nation,” Napolitano said. “College education must be affordable and accessible to everyone.”



Rep. Napolitano discusses education issues with California students in Washington, DC

Student loan rate extension*

- Maintains 3.4% interest rate on student loans for another year
- Saves over 570,000 California college students on average \$1,000 over life of loan

Visit napolitano.house.gov for more info

*Source: Office of the Democratic Leader

Rep. Napolitano Stands Up for Industry Postal Facility

Rep. Napolitano, along with Representatives Judy Chu and Adam Schiff held a press conference at Pasadena City Hall to urge U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe to reverse his decision to close the City of Industry’s Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) and Pasadena’s Mack Robinson P&DC. The three Congressional leaders were joined by Mike Evans, President of the San Gabriel Valley chapter of the United Postal Workers Union, local leaders of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), members of the Letter Carriers Union, and local business owners who will be adversely impacted by the closings.

“We have attempted for years to work with the Postal Service, meeting with their officials, requesting information, and supporting legislation that would ease their financial troubles without harming jobs or our economy. The Postal Service should hold off on closing the Pasadena and City of Industry mail processing facilities until Congress can finish its work on legislation that would save USPS billions of dollars per year.



Rep. Napolitano discusses postal issues at press conference

We must continue to work together until we can put the Postal Service on solid financial footing without sacrificing the local jobs and timely mail service that are critical for our economy.”

New Mental Health App

WhatsMyM3 is a new mobile self-screening health app, that asks a series of questions to determine whether are exhibiting symptoms of various mental health disorders. It is now available in English and Spanish!

If interested in a self-screening, resources and detailed information are available online at napolitano.house.gov.



Coming Events

August: Community Education Forum on Immigration

September: Mental Health Parity Field Hearing

October: Export Trade Seminar; Military Academy Day

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1st Place

Elizabeth Ewald,
Vincent Art Institute
"Restoration"



2nd Place

Lynnette Haro
El Rancho High School
"Layers of Substance"

3rd Place

Brenda Ponce
Village Academy High School
"Boys Being Boys"

2012 Artistic Discovery

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives paid tribute to talent-rich high school students through the yearly Congressional Art Competition. The event was a wonderful opportunity for budding young artists to display their artistic talent on local, and for some, national levels. First place winners were selected from 435 Congressional Districts as is tradition, and their artwork is now on display for one year in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Judge's Choice

Diana Carrillo, El Rancho High School, "Divine Innocence"
Monica Isabel Ceja, Workman High School, "All It Takes Is A Smile"
Maritza Cristianos, Garey High School, "Model"

Honorable Mention

Cindy Lee, Diamond Ranch High School, "Hope"
Rosa Chavez, Workman High School, "My Little Angels"
Jose Lemus, Village Academy High School, "My Friends"
Kimberly Vance, Warren High School, "Dancer on the Beach"
Magan Vergara, Village Academy High School, "One Way Color"
Tessy Lopez, Ganesha High School, "Sunglasses"

To view artwork from all our talented 38th Congressional District students, please visit facebook.com/RepGraceNapolitano

Constituent Services Guide

WE CAN HELP WITH:

- **Academy Nominations:** Students interested in an appointment to U.S. military academies should contact us their freshman year of high school or as soon as possible.
- **Flags:** Purchase an American Flag flown over the U.S. Capitol, on a specific day, if given two weeks notice.
- **Immigration/Naturalization:** Assistance with visas, work permits, legal residency and naturalization.
- **IRS:** Help with difficult tax problems and obtaining copies of old tax returns.
- **Military:** Assist active personnel with hardship discharge, extension of leave, compassionate reassignment, and medals.
- **Passports:** Expediting the passport process.

- **Presidential Greetings:** Presidential greetings for your event must be requested at least one month prior.
- **Seniors:** Assistance with Medicare, Social Security, disability, and Supplemental Security Income issues.
- **Small Business:** Guidance with SBA loans, government contract opportunities, seminars and information.
- **Veterans:** Information about VA hospitals, pensions, benefits, education, home loans and military records.
- **Tours:** Help plan your trip to the Capitol. **Call at least 6 weeks in advance, 6 months if you would like a tour of the White House.**
- **Workers' Comp:** Assist federal employees or individuals with their benefits claims from the Office of Workers' Compensation Program.

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Social Security 800-772-1213
 Federal Immunization Information 800-232-2522
 USCIS (Immigration) 800-375-5283
 IRS (Federal Tax Issues) 800-829-1040
 Small Business Administration 800-827-5722
 Veterans' Benefits 800-827-1000
 Veterans' Hospital (Loma Linda) (909) 825-7084
 CA Housing Finance Agency 916-322-3991
 CA Workers Compensation 213-576-7389
 CA Veterans 800-952-5626
 CA Social Services 916-651-8848
 CA Occupational Safety and Health 213-576-7451
 LA Board of Supervisors 213-974-1401
 LA Mental Health Hotline 800-854-7771
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