



Update to the Community:

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Rep. Grace Napolitano

Representing California's 38th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives

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Napolitano Fights to Protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Rep. Grace F. Napolitano has fought to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits during the recent debates on budget cuts in Washington, D.C. "Seniors and working families are still struggling in this economy, and we cannot afford to make deep cuts to the Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security benefits they rely on," she said. Napolitano has:

- Voted against turning Medicare into a voucher program
- Voted against the debt-ceiling package that could cut Medicare
- Voted to boost Medicaid funding for families and seniors
- Voted for a cost-of-living-adjustment payment for Social Security
- Joined 46 other Members of Congress on a letter pledging to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits from cuts

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Rep. Napolitano discusses social services issues

Napolitano's Effort to Expand Gold Line Creates Jobs



New Metro stops are creating jobs and improving transit

Napolitano, working closely with Reps. Judy Chu and Adam Schiff, has helped secure the \$735 million needed for the Gold Line Foothill Extension. According to Metro, the project is expected to create 6,900 local jobs and reduce traffic. A second extension for south-east Los Angeles county is being planned, and is expected to create more than 6,000 construction jobs. Combined, they will generate more than \$1 billion in economic output. Visit www.metro.net/projects to learn more.

Napolitano Hosts Job Fair



Napolitano's job fair offered assistance to job-seekers

Rep. Grace F. Napolitano hosted a free job fair with Norwalk EDD and 95+ employers to help veterans and the unemployed. More than 500 people from the San Gabriel Valley came for job interviews, resume workshops, free haircuts, and health screenings.

"I just graduated from college and it's hard for me to get a job," said Carlton, a fair attendee. "This is a great event, a lot of companies out here – so far so good."

"We must do everything we can to assist the many qualified and hard-working people who are out of work in this economy," Napolitano said.

Napolitano has supported federal funding that saved the jobs of local teachers, firefighters, and policemen. She is also a supporter of the American Jobs Act and of creating jobs by building transportation and infrastructure.

🏠 Help with Housing 🏠

The Home Affordable Refinance Program recently made it easier for struggling homeowners to refinance their mortgages at lower rates - visit www.makinghomeaffordable.gov to learn more

2011 Women of the Year

Honored by Rep. Napolitano for extraordinary volunteer service to the community



Napolitano honors local volunteers

Reverend Jan Chase, City of Pomona * **Belen Chavez**, Pio Pico Women's Club * **Marilyn Curtis**, Foster Grandparent Program/SY-CRCC * **Jazmin Garcia**, East Los Angeles Residents Association * **Mary Eva Gomez**, St. Hilary Church * **Marian Guerrero**, LA CADA * **Irma Hernandez**, Happy Years Senior Club * **Lihua Huang-Brawley**, Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple * **Yumei Lu**, Buddha's Light Hsi Lai School * **Monica Malooly**, St. Joseph Elementary School * **Patricia Martin**, Norwalk Presbyterian Women * **Rocio Ortega**, Garfield High School Army JROTC * **Marie Osenenko**, Silver Years Club * **Laura Ramirez**, Eastmont Community Center * **Mary Sabin**, Pico Rivera Department of Parks and Recreation * **Irma Schub**, Greater La Puente Valley Meals on Wheels * **Rosemary Shannon**, Soroptimist International of Norwalk Inc. * **Suzana Tapia**, City of Pico Rivera * **Ana Valencia**, Norwalk Lions Club * **Dede Vidales**, Garfield Alumni Foundation Inc. * **Angelina Waites**, Palomares Community Center

Napolitano's Constituent Services:

Rep. Napolitano's office can help with federal agencies.

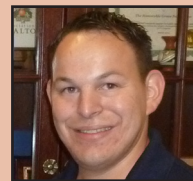
- **Medicare, Social Security, and SSI** for senior citizens
- **Military service academies** nominations for students
- **IRS tax problems** guidance, finding old returns
- **Veterans Assistance** with benefits and programs
- **Expedited passports**
- **Immigration assistance** and help with naturalization
- **SBA loans** and assistance for small businesses
- **Worker's comp benefits claims**
- **Assistance for Members of the Military**
- **Presidential Greetings** for special events
- **American flags**, flown over the Capitol, for purchase
- **Capitol tours** in Washington, D.C.

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Satisfied constituents helped by Rep. Napolitano:



Rocio, internship



Thomas, Capitol tour



Carmen, passport help

Assistance for Returning Vets

Here are some resources our returning veterans and their families can use to readjust to civilian life:



- "Coaching into Care" is a new program to help family and friends assist veterans who may have post-traumatic stress or other mental health issues. Call **1-888-823-7458** or visit www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/ to receive expert assistance.
- "Feds Hire Vets" is a policy that gives veterans priority for government jobs. Visit www.fedshire-vets.gov about how to get jobs with "veterans preference."
- "Post-9/11 GI Bill" and the "Montgomery GI Bill" are two options to help veterans pay for college. Visit www.gibill.va.gov for more info.
- VA Home Loans can help veterans buy or refinance a home - visit www.homeloans.va.gov
- Housing and job training are available for homeless vets - go to www.va.gov/homeless for info
- 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 case open with the Veterans Administration.



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Napolitano Holds Immigration Clinic



Rep. Napolitano discusses immigration issues with a constituent. Napolitano hosted a clinic in Montebello to assist 160+ local San Gabriel Valley residents with the immigration/naturalization process. "America is a nation of immigrants. If you work hard and play by the rules, you can join the long tradition of Americans who immigrated here and helped make this country great," Napolitano said. Visit www.napolitano.house.gov for info

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