



# The 47th Flyer

News for California's 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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Over a month ago, Governor Brown officially declared a drought emergency in our State amidst declining reservoir levels and historically low amounts of rainfall. Despite our recent rainfall, the state still faces a serious situation. The Governor has asked that everyone reduce their water usage by 20 percent.

A simple way to achieve this reduction is to cut back on overwatering and be extra mindful of your daily water usage. I am glad to see [the City of Cypress](#) is promoting this practice throughout Orange County. I encourage you and your community to take responsible steps in promoting and practicing water security during this time of drought.

On Thursday, the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners took proactive steps in reducing our water use, restricting lawn watering to Mondays, Thursdays, or Saturdays. In addition, Long Beach has ongoing prohibitions on watering between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and hosing down sidewalks and driveways without specialized hoses. Increasing awareness and encouraging conservation will be critical as we deal with the status of our State's water supply.

We may also be experiencing flash floods this weekend. While this may bring some drought relief, it can pose serious threats to our community. Please be extra safe this weekend!

## On The Hill

### \$10.10 per hour

This week I signed Congressman Timothy Bishop's "discharge petition" to vote on The Fair Minimum Wage Act, which would raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour. If the petition reaches 218 signatures, the proposal will be brought to the House Floor for an immediate vote.



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What do you think is the best form of clean energy for California?

- Wind
- Solar
- Hydro
- Advanced biofuels
- Geothermal
- None - clean energy is unrealistic for California
- I do not know

[If you have a problem, click here to open survey in a new window](#)

## Clean Energy Jobs

This year, I will be increasing my efforts with the Congressional Safe Climate Caucus to spotlight the fact that there is a 97% consensus among peer-reviewed scientific reports that humans are contributing to climate change.

One of the best ways to mitigate the effects of climate change is to invest in clean renewable energy to help create jobs, improve our air quality, and fuel our country. Yesterday, I spoke on the House Floor in favor of wind power, a critical clean energy source that employs 80,000 Americans, including 7,000 Californians.



Click the photo above or [here](#) to watch the full speech.

## Affordable Care Act Update

Four million Americans are now enrolled in health insurance marketplaces, including over 700,000 Californians who have enrolled in California's marketplace, Covered California.

Whether it is through Medi-Cal or Covered California, the Affordable Care Act is providing Californians who have long been denied health care a plan that works for them. Californians are picking plans, and getting covered. Our State has even met all of its enrollment goals six weeks early.

Remember: March 31 is the deadline to pick a plan and get covered. Visit [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com) to learn more.

## In The 47th District

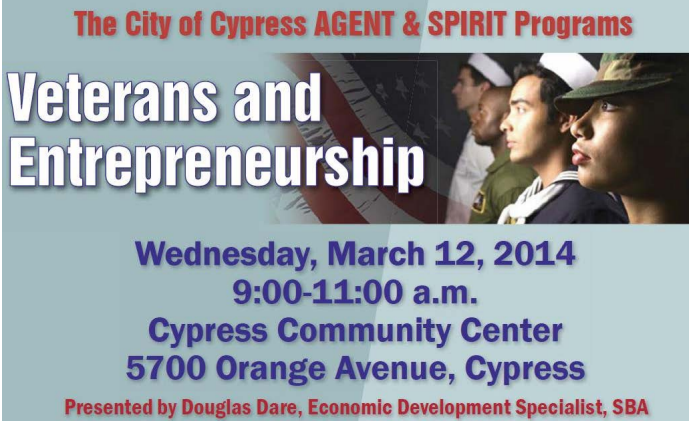
### Immigration Services in the District

This week, my District Staff attended an event at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) California Service Center, where they assisted in the processing of visas and other immigration petitions. The Center, located in Laguna Niguel, provides a myriad of immigration services to many constituents in the 47th District. In fact, whenever my office receives a request from a constituent to work on an immigration case, be it obtaining an agricultural work visa or a specialty occupation worker petition, they work with the talented individuals at the Center to resolve them as quickly as possible.

Learn more about how my office can help you or a family member with immigration services by [clicking here](#).

## Helping Veterans Become Entrepreneurs

On Wednesday, March 12, from 9:00am to 11:00am, the City of Cypress and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will hold a FREE seminar for veterans at the Cypress Community Center. The seminar, entitled "Veterans and Entrepreneurship," will focus on training opportunities, SBA loan initiatives for veterans, and leveraging your status as a veteran to secure federal and state government contracts.



**The City of Cypress AGENT & SPIRIT Programs**

**Veterans and Entrepreneurship**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**  
**9:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Cypress Community Center**  
**5700 Orange Avenue, Cypress**

**Presented by Douglas Dare, Economic Development Specialist, SBA**

To register for this event, e-mail Mr. Steve Clarke, City of Cypress Redevelopment Project Manager, at [sclarke@ci.cypress.ca.us](mailto:sclarke@ci.cypress.ca.us) or call (714) 229-6728.

## Congress U

### "Speaker of the House, and Majority and Minority Leader"

The Speaker of the House, a member of the Majority party, is the presiding officer in the House of Representatives, and is responsible for the day-to-day functions of the House, as well as advancing the legislative agenda of his political party. Should an emergency occur, the U.S. Constitution names the Speaker of the House as second in the line of succession to the Presidency, after the Vice President. The Speaker of the House in the 113th Congress is Speaker John Boehner, a Republican from Ohio.

In addition to the Speaker, the majority Republicans and minority Democrats in the House each have their own party leadership positions known as Leaders, who each serve as their party's principal spokesperson and legislative strategist.

The Majority Leader in the 113th Congress is Republican Eric Cantor from Virginia. The Minority Leader in the 113th Congress is Democrat Nancy Pelosi from California, who, herself, served as speaker from 2007 to 2011.

## Last Week's Poll

### Do you think raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour will be good for our economy?

**53.1%** Yes -- Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 would raise wages for nearly 25 million Americans, thus giving hard-working people more take-home pay to then spend on goods and services

**11.1%** Maybe -- Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 would be good for families, but it could result in businesses offering fewer jobs than expected

**34.6%** No -- Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 is bad for businesses, families, and the economy

**1.2%** I do not know

Thank you,



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