



The 47th Flyer

News for California's 47th Congressional District
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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In mid-April, the Nigerian terrorist group Boko Haram kidnapped 329 female students from the Government Secondary School in the town of Chibok in Borno State, Nigeria. Although 53 of the students later escaped, 276 remain missing.

This week, I participated in a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on Boko Haram. I condemn the violent actions of Boko Haram in Nigeria, and I oppose any organization or group that seeks to deny the fundamental right of education to children worldwide and resorts to such despicable tactics.

I support the ongoing U.S. government assistance to help the Nigerian government bring these young girls home safely to their parents.



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Do you think oil and gas companies must be held to higher standards when their drilling activities take place on public lands as opposed to drilling activities on private land?

Yes - It is critical for the protection of our public lands and the safety of our communities

Maybe -These companies should only be regulated on public lands where endangered species and sensitive habitats are present

No - These companies are already regulated enough

I do not know

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In The 47th District

Long Beach Pride Parade

Every year for more than two decades I have been a proud participant in the Long Beach Pride Parade. This year was no different. It was great to see so many friends and celebrate love and equality with so many people. I remain forever an ally and advocate for the LGBT community.

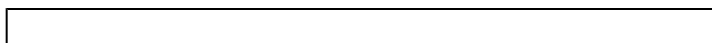




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Read more about the parade: <http://bit.ly/1i0dDWp>

Day Services For Seniors

Last Thursday, May 15, I visited the Acacia Adult Day Services in Garden Grove where I had a chance to tour the facility, learn about the critical services it provides to our seniors and people living with disabilities, and talk to the staff and individuals at the center.



Founded in 1976 by members of the local United Methodist Church, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove, the Acacia Adult Day Services opened its door with a grant from the Orange County Office on Aging to serve the growing needs of seniors in the Garden Grove community. The facility now serves more than 105 individuals per day, and it provides a wide range of services to individuals based on needs including transportation; nursing; personal care; social work; hot meals; case management; socialization; as well as physical, occupational, and speech therapies. This facility was a great example of how county resources can go a long way!

On The Hill

Sound The Alarms For Climate Change

On Wednesday, I joined more than a dozen members of Congress in a

Capitol Hill rally to raise awareness to Congressional inaction on climate change.



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The event, coordinated through the House of Representatives' Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC), was labeled the "Time to Wake Up Congress to Climate Change" rally and featured Congress members from SEEC, the Senate Climate Action Task Force, the Bicameral Climate Change Task Force, and the House Safe Climate Caucus.

At the rally, speakers and audience members were asked to set their cell phone alarm clocks for 5:00pm EST in a show of solidarity that it is time for Congress to "wake up" to the scientific evidence of climate change.

Protecting Our Nation's Wildlife Refuges

On Tuesday, I participated in a Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs oversight hearing on "Oil and Gas Activities within Our Nation's National Wildlife Refuge System."

There are currently very few federal rules when it comes to drilling in our national wildlife refuges. I believe we need to change that. Oil and gas companies must be held to higher standards in their drilling activities on our nation's wildlife refuges.

Please tell me what you think in this week's poll!

Iran's Nuclear Program

The United States is currently in negotiations with our P5+1 partners and Iran over the fate of Tehran's illicit nuclear program. I support President Obama's effort to negotiate an agreement to end Iran's nuclear weapons quest, and while I am hopeful that these efforts will succeed, I also have concerns that the full goal may not be achieved. This is why on Thursday I spoke on the House floor to insist that any final agreement ensures that Tehran has no pathway to a nuclear weapon.





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As the initial six month period for negotiations comes to an end on July 20, it is crucial for Congress to stand firm in our resolve to prevent a nuclear armed Iran.

As the president and Secretary Kerry have repeatedly said, no deal is better than a bad deal.

Any agreement must also include an inspection and verification system that provides for anytime, anywhere inspections to ensure Iran is complying with all of its agreements.

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“The Cannon Tunnel”



There are many underground tunnels that connect the three congressional offices to the U.S. Capitol Building. The tunnel that connects my office building, the Cannon House Office Building, to the Capitol is called the Cannon Tunnel.

This long tunnel is lined with artwork from students from across the country who have earned first prize in their individual Congressional district’s annual Congressional Arts Competition, including the first prize winning artwork from the 47th District’s Congressional Art Competition.

When Congress is in session, the tunnel is packed with constituents taking tours, Members of Congress and their staff shuttling back and forth between the Capitol and Cannon, and even members of the media tracking the activities of the day.

Last Week's Poll

Are hiring tax credits good for America's small businesses?

51.6% Yes - They incentivize businesses to hire workers and grow our economy

12.5% Maybe - Not enough businesses know that hiring tax credits exist

20.3% No - The cost of the tax credits will only add to our deficit

15.6% I do not know

Thank you,



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