



The 47th Flyer

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



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On Tuesday, I joined nearly 200 members of Congress in calling on President Obama to exercise his executive authority to ban federal contractors from engaging in employment discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans.

I want to thank Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Tom Harkin, and my colleagues in the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus for leading the charge on this important issue. Not only must the President act on this issue, but Congress must also act to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) in order to protect all workers from discrimination in every workplace.

Read more about the letter on [the Huffington Post](#).

In The 47th District

UC Irvine's Medical Center

On Monday, I visited the UC Irvine Medical Center in the City of Orange. The UC Irvine Medical Center is Orange County's only Academic Medical Center and a major provider of Tertiary and Quaternary care in Southern California. During the visit, I had the opportunity to learn about the health-related issues they deal with and also tour some of the very special services that they make available to our community, including the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, one of only 41 of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States.

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Examining one of the Center's state-of-the-art MRI scanners, model head included

Long Beach Rotarians

The Long Beach Rotary, comprised of nearly 300 of Long Beach's business leaders, is a service organization that works to solve humanitarian issues on the local, national, and international levels. I had the pleasure of speaking on Wednesday at their meeting on the Queen Mary. The topic of discussion: Returning to a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.



With LB Rotary Club President Kay Cofield and Theresa Brunelli

I spoke a lot about my bill, the Let the People Draw the Lines Act, which lets the people, not politicians, draw the U.S. House of Representatives district lines. My bill empowers the states to create independent redistricting commissions – much like what we have in California. If my bill becomes law, political gerrymandering will finally become a closed chapter in our nation's journey toward a more perfect democracy.

I also spoke about Congressman John Sarbanes' "The Government by the People Act," which I have cosponsored. This is a comprehensive campaign finance reform package designed to combat the influence of concentrated money in politics, raise civic engagement, and amplify the voices of everyday Americans - putting the public interest in front of special interests.

Women's Economic Roundtable

In recognition of National Women's History Month, which spans the month of March, I hosted an intimate economic roundtable discussion focusing on the theme of "When Women Succeed, America Succeeds." It was very inspiring to learn about the many businesses, enterprises, and organizations that are empowering women in the 47th District.

We now have more women in industries like healthcare, STEM, and education than ever before. More women are also leading corporations and more women are serving in the halls of Congress.

Although women today are breaking barriers across the country, much more needs to be done. Right now, millions of women are still struggling for paycheck equality and economic security. For example, California women in the workforce still only earn 83 cents for every dollar earned by men. The national average is even lower, at 77 cents for every dollar earned by men.

While barriers like these still stand in our mothers', sisters' and daughters' way, I have no doubt that women will continue to make progress toward full economic equality. And, rest assured, I will not stop fighting to protect the gains women have made and will continue to push for equality for all women, because as we've seen throughout American history: when women succeed, America succeeds.



On The Hill

"How to save the American Dream"

CNN recently published my commentary, co-authored by notable scholar Michael Shank, on the importance of raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour:

"Our country's penchant for income inequality is not financially sustainable, let alone morally excusable or philosophically justifiable by economists who claim this to be an inherent part of the system because societies with greater income inequality consistently struggle with social and health problems, problems that ultimately end up costing society even more.

"Why? Because the higher a country's income inequality, the higher its

infant mortality rates, obesity rates, homicide rates, illiteracy rates, mental illness rates, teenage births, incarceration rates, drug addiction rates, social immobility and lower life expectancy.”

Read the full commentary on CNN by visiting: <http://cnn.it/1ehmzYY>

Big money out of politics

The size of your wallet should not determine the size of your voice in government. Campaign finance reform is needed to get big money out of politics.

Last week I joined my colleagues Rep. John Sarbanes and Rep. Beto O'Rourke to speak on the House floor about how we need to put the people back in control of elections:



To view the speech, [click here](#) or the picture above.

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“Hearing”

Congressional committees or subcommittee usually hold hearings, or forums, to take testimony from invited witnesses and to question them on their support or opposition to a bill. Legislative hearings may focus on a specific bill, or bills, or just explore a subject matter in general to see if Congress should pursue any legislation in a particular area.

Last Week's Poll

Do you think that climate change will occur or have serious impacts in your lifetime?

- 71.2%** Climate change is already happening
- 0.0%** It will happen in a few years
- 1.1%** It will happen in my lifetime
- 9.7%** Not in my lifetime, but will affect future generations
- 13.6%** Climate change will not happen

2.3% No opinion

1.3% (NO RESPONSE)

Thank you,



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