



The 47th Flyer

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



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November 1, 2013

It was a brief legislative week here in Washington, D.C. Now I am back in Southern California for a district work period so I can focus on better serving you, your neighbors, and all of the constituents in the 47th District.

Just a quick legislative update: On Monday, my colleagues from the House of Representatives and Senate convened in a conference committee to negotiate a budget for Fiscal Year 2014. As they begin negotiations, I urge my colleagues on the conference committee to set high standards that tackle long-term government spending and repeal the devastating sequestration cuts that have so negatively impacted our district and our national economy. The time to get this right is now.

With Veterans Day being just around the corner, the House also considered a bill this week that would establish a commission to evaluate the backlog of disability claims at the Department of Veterans Affairs. I voted in favor of this bill. Two other bills aimed to reduce consumer protections that were put in place after the financial collapse, which led to the "Great Recession", were also considered in the House. I voted against these two bills. While we're still in the midst of recovering from the downturn, now is not the time to roll back these important protections.

I have already begun the district work week, which continues until November 11. I just attended the promotion ceremony for Lt. Col. Armstrong who has been the guiding force behind the Sunburst Youth Academy at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. Later in the week, I will be meeting with elected officials in Los Alamitos and Buena Park, as well as hosting a health fair.

Have questions about the Affordable Care Act?

I will be hosting a Community Health & Healthcare Enrollment Fair on Thursday, November 7th at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center. RSVP today, then come by on your lunch break to get your questions answered about the new healthcare law. And, you can get your flu shot at the same time!

This important event is being held in partnership with Catholic Charities of Orange County, Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Orange County Health Care Agency, CalOptima, U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission, U.S Department of Labor, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, City of Garden Grove, Planned Parenthood, Davita, Alzheimer's Association, Nhan Hoa Health Care Clinic, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, YMCA, American Diabetes Association, Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches and American Red Cross.

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What local issue is most important to you?

- Traffic Decongestion
- Cleaning up our beaches
- Doing more outreach for disaster preparedness
- Local & regional job creation
- Local comprehensive immigration reform strategies

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

To RSVP or for more information please contact Irantzu Pujadas at 562-436-3828 or by email at Irantzu.Pujadas@mail.house.gov.



Congressman Alan Lowenthal

cordially invites you to a

FREE Community Health & Healthcare Enrollment Fair

WHAT: FREE Community Health & Enrollment Fair

Learn all about the new California Health Benefit Exchange – Covered CA

- Meet with Certified Covered CA Counselors
- Free Health Screenings
- Free Flu Shots

WHEN: Thursday, November 7

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center

11300 Stanford Avenue | Garden Grove, CA 92840
FREE PARKING AVAILABLE

In proud partnership with
California State Senator Lou Correa, 34th District
Catholic Charities of Orange County
Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance
Orange County Health Care Agency

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Coffee & Conversation

What better way for me to hear your views than over a cup of coffee? Please join me next Saturday at Motorsport Café in Garden Grove for a “Community Coffee”. I will give an update on what is happening in Washington and, as always, answer your questions.

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invites you to a ...



COMMUNITY COFFEE

Join me for a cup of coffee and conversation about the issues facing our community and nation. I will provide a Congressional update and answer your questions.

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2013

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location:

Motorsport Café
12908 Main St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840



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Please RSVP to my District Office:

(562) 436-3828

Local Issues via Facebook

Last week I posed a question on [my Facebook page](#), asking which local issues my constituents think we should focus on. The response was phenomenal and, quite frankly, very informative. The issues ranged from traffic on the 405 and the impact of Long Beach's breakwater, to disaster preparedness outreach and job creation strategies – all very interesting, timely, and important issues!

If you have not yet visited [my Facebook page](#), I encourage you do so. Please feel free to [add to the post](#) your thoughts about a local issue about which you feel passionate. Like I said, I will be in the district all next week, so your input will be greatly appreciated.



Conference Committee

As I mentioned earlier, Congress has entered into a “conference committee” on the budget. This committee is a temporary, ad hoc panel composed of House and Senate conferees which is formed for the purpose of reconciling differences in legislation between what passed the House and what passed the Senate.

The conference committee is usually composed of the senior members of the respective House and Senate standing committees that originally considered the legislation. After deliberation, the conferees may make one or more recommendations, and they conclude business by having a majority of both House and Senate delegations to the conference sign the conference report. The report is then presented as an amendment to the original bill passed by each chamber, and then it proceeds to the floor of each chamber for a vote where it cannot be amended.

This conference committee must negotiate on a long-term budget deal that will be voted upon by both Chambers of Congress, before going to President Obama. According to the U.S. Constitution, both houses of Congress must pass identical legislation for the bill to become law. I am looking forward to voting on a long-term bipartisan budget deal that not only funds key programs and services, but also restores the funding cuts to critical federal programs by sequestration.

Thank you,

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