



Update to the Community:

Rep. Grace Napolitano

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SGV Police Depts. Fight Stigma, Promote Greater Mental Health Awareness

As Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano hosted officers from Azusa, Covina, Glendora, and West Covina Police Departments at her quarterly 32nd District Mental Health Consortium meeting, where they discussed local mental health experts' need for officers to receive Crisis Intervention Training (CIT): a program to help police officers react appropriately to situations involving mental illness or developmental disability. "We are here today to discuss how we bridge the gaps; training officers and personnel to recognize when different handling and approaches are needed in responding to crises that involve mental illness," said Sr. Officer Kyle Bailey, Azusa PD. "We all play a role in recognizing that difference, and together we will be better prepared when those situations arise." The four PDs recently formed the East San Gabriel Mental Health Evaluation Team (ESGMET) with LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) to have one mental health clinician 'ride along' to help police respond to persons with mental illness in a more compassionate and productive manner.



Napolitano discussed best mental health practices with local police officers at the La Puente Community Center on January 22.

"Collaboration between our local PDs and County professionals to be able to properly respond to people in mental health crises is absolutely critical," Napolitano said. "I thank them in joining our fight against stigma, bringing awareness to an issue that affects all of us, and for all they are doing to keep our communities safe." For info, call Barbara Dickerson at 626-350-0150. napolitano.house.gov/issue/mental-health

Army Corps' Stormwater Capture Increases Water Supply for LA Region

For over 8 years Napolitano has worked closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) – LA District to improve stormwater capture at Southern California dams to combat drought, leading to the Corps' recent capture of more than 24k Acre Feet (AF) of water after the January 5th El Niño storm event:

- 8,750 AF at Whittier Narrows Dam, water for **108,500 people for a year**
- 15,600 AF at nearby Prado Dam, water for **193,400 people for a year.***



Rep. Napolitano & Col. Kirk E. Gibbs, Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers—Los Angeles District, discuss management and operations of Whittier Narrows Dam on January 21.

Flexible management of these dams over the last 3 years, encouraged by Napolitano, is allowing the Corps to capture additional water during storms for future needs. Napolitano is the most senior California member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

where she currently serves as the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, which oversees EPA's Clean Water Act programs in addition to the Corps' water programs.

Info: napolitano.house.gov/issue/water

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2016 Art Contest

Calling all Student artists: Ask your art teacher about our Congressional Art Contest! Young artists will be able to display their talent at local & national levels. 1st place winner will be flown to Washington, D.C. for a national reception and his/her art piece will be displayed in the Capitol Tunnel; 2nd place displayed in Washington, D.C. Office; 3rd place displayed in El Monte Office.

Requirements:

- High School students must **reside** in 32nd Congressional District
- Artwork may be up to **28" by 28" (including frame)** and may be up to 4" in depth



2015 Winners, L to R: Dayna Murri (2nd Place); Sabrina Rodriguez (3rd Place); and Aliss Cordon (1st Place).

- Artwork must be **2-dimensional**, of any medium (paint, charcoal, photography, drawing, etc.)
 - **DEADLINE: April 8; Awards Ceremony: May 7**
- Info: napolitano.house.gov/serving-you/art-competition

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Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano hosts

5th Annual Veterans Forum

Saturday June 25, 2016

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1351 W. Sierra Madre Ave Azusa, CA 91702

Registration begins 8:00am Program begins 8:30am

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32nd Congressional District Constituent Survey

Congresswoman Napolitano values your opinion and wants your input on important issues. Please take the time to fill out this survey and mail it back to: **Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, 1610 Longworth Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.** Please include your email below to receive poll results.



1. What do you think is the best way to create jobs?

- A) Modernize & Repair Infrastructure
- B) Cut taxes
- C) Improve education & workforce training
- D) Remove regulations
- E) Other: _____

2. What do you think is the best way to cut the deficit?

- A) Taxes on wealthy
- B) Reductions in Medicare & Social Security
- C) Cut waste
- D) Create jobs
- E) Other: _____

Comments: _____

3. What do you feel is the most important government service for you or your family? Please rank from 1-7 or 8 with "1" being the most important.

- () Medicare
- () Medicaid
- () Social Security
- () Defense
- () Public Schools & Universities
- () Veterans
- () Water & Transportation Infrastructure
- () Other: _____

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