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U.S. Representative ED ROYCE *Listening to You*

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Dear Neighbor:

As summer comes to a close and Congress gets ready for the final push of 2003, I want to take this opportunity to update you on some of what we've accomplished in the House of Representatives. Additionally, great things are happening in our community that are worthy of note.

In the House, we are working hard to keep pace with our ever-changing world. From our important tax relief and economic growth package to Social Security protection along with pro-consumer and anti-identity theft legislation, we are making significant progress on key policy issues. For example, my bill to make it easier to use tax-free flexible spending medical accounts has been included in the 2003 Medicare Reform Act.

I've been busy in our community, as well. In July, many constituents took advantage of the opportunity to share their concerns at the community forums held throughout the 40th district. I appreciate all of you who took the time to visit.

Looking ahead, as our students get ready to return to school this fall, I hope you'll take a moment to consider your role in our community. There are so many opportunities right here in Orange County for each of us to make a difference. Why not make this new school year a time for our children to learn the virtue of community service?

I will be discussing these opportunities for community service and responsibility with special guest Sheriff Mike Carona at a town hall on September 27th at the City of Orange Council Chambers at 2:00 pm. Earlier that same day, I'll be available at another community forum at the Westminister City Hall Council Chambers at 11:00 am. Additionally, in November, you are invited to join me at several Chambers of Commerce meetings. The Fullerton Chamber meeting, November 4th, will be at 219 E. Commonwealth Ave. at 7:30 am. The Los Alamitos Area Chamber meeting, November 7th, will be at the Courtyard Marriott, 5865 Katella Avenue, at 7:30 am. The Anaheim Chamber meeting, November 14th, will be at 201 E. Center St. at 7:30 am. The Stanton Chamber meeting, November 20th, will be at the Cultural Arts Center, 7800 Katella Ave., at noon.

To talk more about issues that concern you and your family, please attend one of the upcoming community forums in your neighborhood (see map for details). As always, please stay in touch with your thoughts or concerns at (714) 992-8081, (562) 220-2411 or (202) 225-4111 or visit www.house.gov/royce

Sincerely,

Ed



Congressman Ed Royce, his wife, Marie, and Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona discuss the need for active community involvement, which will be the theme of an upcoming community forum meeting in the City of Orange on September 27th at 2:00pm. All are invited to attend.

Community Forums Saturday, Sept. 27th All Are Invited to Attend

Orange

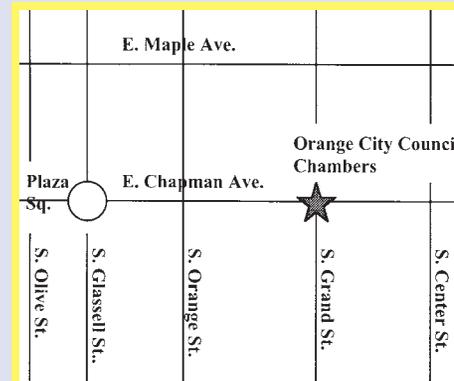
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WITH SPECIAL GUEST

**Orange County Sheriff
Mike Carona**

City of Orange

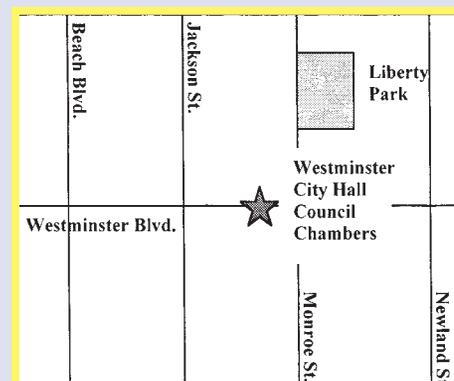
**City Council Chambers
300 East Chapman Ave.**



Westminister

11:00 a.m.

**Westminister City Hall
Council Chambers
8200 Westminister Blvd.**



WW II Pilot's Widow Receives Bomber Wreckage Fragment at Orange County Memorial Day Ceremonies

In 1944, Billie Blanton was piloting a B-24 away from a successful bombing run over Nazi Germany when the bomber was hit by enemy fire. Lt. Blanton flew the "Bim Bam Bola" as close to neutral Swiss territory as he could before everyone aboard bailed out. While Nazi forces captured most crewmembers, Blanton and two others managed to make it into Switzerland. Blanton eventually made it back to Allied lines. Recently, wreckage of the "Bim Bam Bola" was unearthed inside Switzerland. Rep. Royce presented a fragment of that wreckage to Fullerton resident Betty Andrews, Blanton's widow. Blanton passed away in 1978.

Time to Cut Out Spam

Computer electronic mail has brought many advantages. The benefits cannot be understated - it is easier for us to stay in touch with our family and friends. Businesses are able to run more efficiently. But, unfortunately with e-mail has come spam. Much like unwanted phone calls from telemarketers, spam is unsolicited commercial e-mail that floods our inboxes.

“Unsolicited e-mail, such as advertisements, solicitations or chain letters, is the ‘junk mail’ of the information age,” said Rep. Royce. “These unwanted messages burden consumers by slowing down their e-mail connections, cripple businesses by usurping man-hours, and threaten children and unsuspecting individuals with misleading and deceptive titles.”

Spam e-mail has exploded recently from an occasional nuisance to a serious problem. Fraudulent e-mail headers disguise the source of e-mails, often resulting in pornographic website links being sent to children. Some estimate spam accounts for half of all e-mail—a figure that continues to grow. Service slowdowns and lost productivity caused by spam will cost American businesses an estimated \$10 billion in 2003.

To help deal with this problem, Royce is a cosponsor of the RID Spam

Act of 2003 [H.R. 2214]. Under this legislation, consumers will be allowed to opt-out of all commercial e-mail. It would work just like going down to your local post office and removing your name from the junk mail lists or registering your phone number on telemarketing do-not-call lists.

This much-needed legislation also prohibits the sending of fraudulent spam, and grants law enforcement officials the necessary criminal and civil tools to enforce state computer fraud laws and general fraud laws against spammers. It requires that any commercial e-mail must include: 1) identification that the message is an advertisement; 2) a mechanism to opt-out of receiving future e-mails, and 3) a valid street address for service of process.

To protect children and cut down on fraudulent e-mail practices, this legislation makes it unlawful to falsify header information or collect addresses from a website and send spam to these unsuspecting e-mail addresses.

“This tough anti-spam legislation targets egregious e-mail abusers who disrupt businesses and harass individuals. Those who falsify their e-mail identity and send explicit e-mail to unsuspecting individuals will be punished severely with criminal penalties under this legislation,” Royce concluded. ■



Congressman Royce, Buena Park Police Capt. Mike Schwartz and Chief Gary Hicken discuss community safety issues and ways to bolster communications between lawmakers and law enforcement at a recent Buena Park Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

Variety of Issues Aired at Recent Community Forums

Residents of Garden Grove, Orange and Anaheim took advantage of three recent community forums to let Rep. Royce know how they feel about a variety of issues—from health care to international relations. Royce used this opportunity to give an update on legislation working through Congress, as well as to talk about his recent fact-finding trip to Iraq.

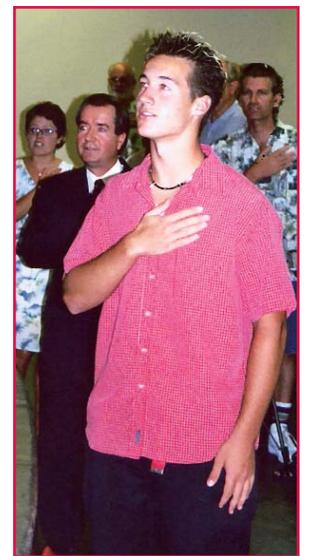
The community forum in Anaheim was a homecoming of sorts for the Congressman, who graduated from Katella High School, where the forum was held.

That same afternoon, another forum was held at the Orange Senior Center.

Those attending discussed a number of topics, including education. Rep. Royce has been instrumental in helping students cope with the rising costs of education through funding from Sallie Mae, the largest U.S. student loan company.

Wrapping up the series of forums was the one held in Garden Grove, where a robust group of residents from all points in the 40th district greeted the Congressman. Issues covered included the Patriot Act and what steps the federal government is taking to better secure our nation's borders.

For those who were unable to attend these events, more forums and opportunities to speak directly with the Congressman are scheduled. Please visit the 40th district's virtual office at www.house.gov/royce for upcoming events and details. ■



Benjamin De La Torre opens the Garden Grove Community Forum with a salute to our nation's flag. Rep. Royce presented De La Torre with the Congressional Bronze Medal, one of only two medals awarded by Congress. De La Torre earned the medal by achieving challenging voluntary public service and personal development goals.

National “Do-Not-Call” Registry Now Up and Running

Make your home a telemarketing-free zone

Have you had your dinnertime interrupted by nagging telemarketing phone calls? How many times have you run back into the house to get the phone, only to find out it's a sales pitch waiting for you to say hello? Has your child's study time been disturbed by incessant calls? You're not alone. American households have been bombarded with an average of 300 unsolicited telemarketing calls a year. Each day, telemarketers have been placing an average of 100 million such calls.

Rep. Ed Royce is encouraging consumers to use the new “Do-Not-Call” Registry to block unwanted telemarketing calls. He strongly supported the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act [H.R. 395] when it passed the House in February.

“Individuals fed up with unwanted sales calls can now make their homes ‘telemarketing-free zones’ by simply signing up with the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Do-Not-Call website at www.donotcall.gov and providing the phone number they want protected,” he said.

Consumers who register will likely see a decrease in telemarketing calls as the government begins enforcing the Do-Not-Call list in October. The FTC expects to register up to 60 million phone numbers the first year of enforcement.

“Before Congress empowered the government to do this, consumers had to call each and every telemarketing company and request to be put on their respective ‘Do-Not-Call’ list. This method has

been very susceptible to fraud, including identity theft scams, not to mention being time-consuming and frustrating,” said Royce.

Individuals can register online at www.donotcall.gov if they have an active email address. They can also call toll-free, 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236) from the number they wish to register. Registration is free.

“The new ‘Do-Not-Call’ Registry finally puts consumers in charge of who's calling them at home. By putting their home phone numbers on this safe national registry, consumers can help stop the incessant and unwanted interruptions during dinner hour and their children's homework time,” said Royce. ■

Cracking Down on Identity Theft

Throughout your busy day you may write a check for a bill, charge tickets to a concert, buy a plane ticket online, rent a car, or apply for a credit card. These all seem like simple transactions that do not require a second thought. But, without keeping careful watch of everyday transactions like these and many others you may be putting yourself at risk for identity theft.

Identity theft is a serious problem, not to mention a serious crime. The 1990s saw a sharp increase in crooks that steal people's personal information and assume their identity to charge up huge credit card bills, telephone bills, buy cars and apply for loans.

"If your identity has been stolen, it often takes years and thousands of dollars to repair the damage done to your good name and good credit. Victims of identity theft may lose job opportunities, be refused loans for education, housing, cars or even be arrested for crimes they didn't commit. Having your identity stolen is more than a headache, it is a mess," said Royce.

Identity theft is the number one consumer complaint. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reported 162,000 identity theft complaints in 2002 alone, with estimated losses of \$2.1 billion. In fact, identity theft often aids terrorist crimes. Foreign terrorists can move more freely in the U.S. with illicit IDs, credit cards, and other documentation.

Rep. Royce is a cosponsor of the Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act [H.R. 1731] to facilitate the prosecution of criminals who steal identities in order to commit felonies. It will create a new and separate crime of "aggravated identity theft" for any person who uses the identity of

another person to commit certain felonies, bringing with it an additional mandatory sentence of two years for most felonies and five years for terror-related felonies.

"This bill gives our law enforcement officials the tools they need to prosecute these types of criminals. People who would steal someone else's identity and trash their credit do not deserve a soft landing. They deserve to be behind bars," he said.

Protect Yourself from Identify Theft

Guarding against and recovering from identity theft is not easy. But, there are things you and your family can do to protect yourselves. **If you have been a victim of identity theft, call the FTC's hotline toll-free at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338). To learn more about identity theft and all the ways you can protect yourself visit the FTC's website at www.consumer.gov/idtheft.** Following is a brief list of some simple steps to help protect your personal information:

▲ Order a copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit-reporting agencies. By checking your record on a regular basis you can catch mistakes and fraud before it is too late.

▲ Place passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using information like your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your Social Security Number or your phone number.

▲ Do not give out your personal information over the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or are sure you know whom you are dealing with. Identity thieves often pose as bank representatives or

even government agencies to get you to reveal your information.

▲ Secure your personal information in your home and on your computer, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having service work being done in your home.

▲ Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at the post office, rather than leaving it in an unsecured mailbox. Promptly remove all mail from your mail box and be sure to call the post office to put a hold on your mail if you are going to be away on vacation.

▲ Tear or shred your charge receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements, checks and bank statements, expired charge cards that you no longer need, and credit offers you may get in the mail. This will cut down on thieves who pick through the trash to get your personal information.

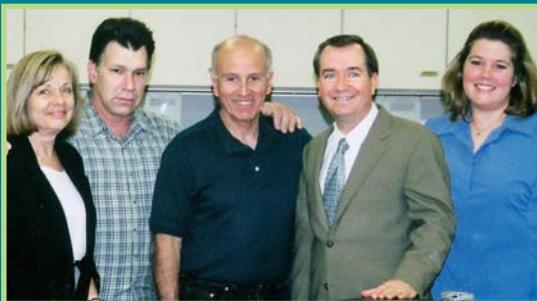
▲ Do not carry your Social Security card with you; keep it in a secure place.

▲ Keep your purse or wallet at a safe place at work.

▲ Pay attention to your billing cycles and follow up with creditors if your bills do not arrive on time. A missing credit card bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your account and changed your billing address.

▲ Try not to store financial information on your laptop unless you use a good, strong password. Do not use an automatic log-in feature which saves your user name and password and always log-off when you are finished. If your laptop ever gets stolen, it will be harder for a thief to access your information. ■

Santiago Canyon College—Rep. Royce visits the Science Lab at Santiago Canyon College, in Orange, part of the Rancho Santiago Community College District, to discuss education issues and legislation. He talks with Life Sciences Department Chair Charleen Powers, Professor Bob Houska, Professor Armen Guleserian, and Lab Coordinator Kristi Hale.



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CSUF Expands El Toro Satellite Campus

Congressman Royce, and California State University at Fullerton's Dr. Ephraim Smith examine plans for the expansion of the CSUF satellite campus at El Toro. Rep. Royce, a CSUF alum, led the effort to obtain surplus El Toro property for the extension campus. Three thousand students currently attend classes there.



Fullerton Korean War Vet Receives Belated Bronze Star

Fullerton resident **Martin Markley** has been presented with a Bronze Star for his heroism in combat during the 1953 defense of Outpost Harry during the Korean War.

Markley, who was accompanied by his wife, Margaret, received the medal from Royce at a recent community forum in Anaheim.

Outpost Harry was deep in enemy territory, the closest U.S. 8th Army outpost to the buildup of Communist Chinese infantry divisions poised to gain ground before an Armistice could be signed. As the outpost was being overrun in a human wave assault, Markley engaged in close, hand-to-hand combat, rallying his troops by his heroic example. Markley was seriously wounded, but his hard-fighting infantrymen prevailed, turning back that terrible tide.

Martin Markley of Fullerton, with a belated Bronze Star for his heroism in combat during the Korean War in 1953, addresses a recent community forum. Markley's wife, Margaret, looks on.

"I originally approached the Congressman at an earlier community forum to see about getting belated medals for my fellow soldiers who fought with me in the command bunker at Outpost Harry. One of those men urged the Congressman's office to see about my medal," said Markley.

The upgrading or replacement of military decorations, awards and medals is just one of many important constituent services offered by Royce. Please visit his website at www.house.gov/royce or call his Fullerton office at (714) 992-8081 for a complete list of services. ■

Service Academy Appointments Announced

The 40th District's appointments to the United States military service academies have been announced. Appointments are based on a candidate's academic achievement, athletic ability, extra-curricular activities and community service. "We are very proud of these young men and women for their commitment to serve their country while pursuing academic and physical excellence. Each student will make a fine officer and represent the 40th district well," said Royce. ■



This year Congressman Royce announced appointments to the U.S. Military Service Academies—Army/West Point, Naval/Annapolis, Air Force and Merchant Marine. Most are pictured here. Appointments are highly competitive and based on a candidate's academic achievement, athletic ability, extra-curricular activities and community service.

The following is a list of this year's appointments:

ANAHEIM

Jordan Kahn, Katella High School, Air Force

BUENA PARK

Christina Chung, Oxford Academy, Air Force

Connie Chung, Oxford Academy, Air Force

CERRITOS

Jackie Chang, Whitney High School, West Point

Jeffrey Cho, Whitney High School, West Point

Samuel Hong, Whitney High School, Air Force

Pedro Medeiros, Gahr High School, Merchant Marine

CYPRESS

Steven Arbogast, St. John Bosco, Navy

FULLERTON

Phillip Hong, Sunny Hills High School, West Point

Timothy Prindle, Valencia High School, Navy

Brian Yoon, Sunny Hills High School, West Point

LA HABRA

Brian Chin, Sunny Hills High School, Air Force

Eugene Park, New Mexico Military Inst., West Point

Myogene Park, New Mexico Military Inst., Air Force

LA HABRA HEIGHTS

Eugene Page, Sonora High School, West Point

LA MIRADA

James Peralta, La Mirada High School, West Point

LA PALMA

Scott Clark, J.F. Kennedy High School, Navy

PLACENTIA

Bill Yong Chang, El Dorado High School, Air Force

SEAL BEACH

Evan Martini, Brethren Christian, Air Force

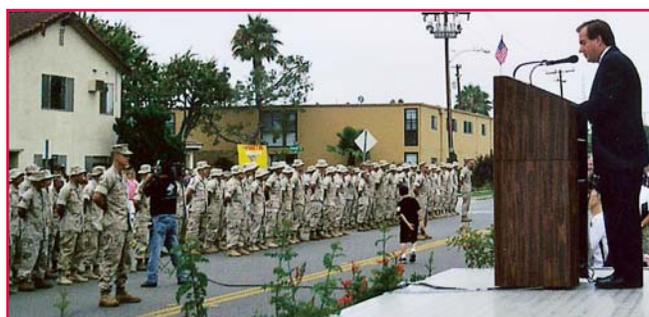
WESTMINSTER

Abraham Kim, Marina High School, Navy

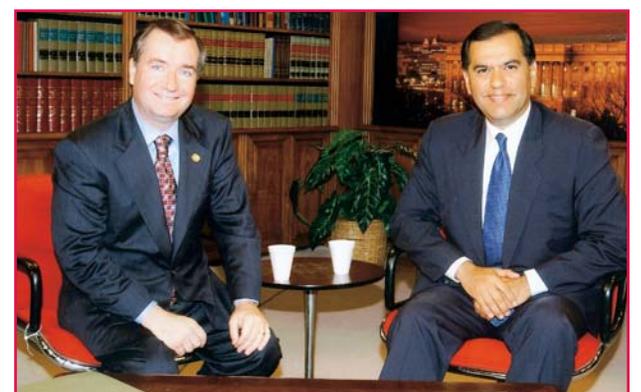
Tune In to the "Royce Report"

Was that my Congressman I saw on television? More than likely, yes. He is the host of his own cable show: the Royce Report. It is a half-hour public policy program that features special guests each month to talk about current issues, legislation being debated by Congress and other issues of importance to Southern California residents. Following is a list of channels and air-times. Please check your local listings for the most up to date information, as this schedule is subject to change without notice.

City	Channel	Day/Time
Fullerton.....	53	Mondays at 10:30pm
Buena Park, Placentia.....	3	Mondays at 10:30pm
Newport Beach.....	3	Thursdays 4pm
Yorba Linda.....	98	Mondays at 3:30pm
Anaheim, Anaheim Hills, Villa Park.....	97	Mondays at 3:30pm
Brea.....	9	Monday-Thursday, 4 & 7pm
Cypress.....	87	Thursdays between 4-9pm & Saturdays between 4-8pm
La Palma.....	35	Thursdays between 4-9pm & Fridays between 4-7pm
Lakewood.....	36	Tuesdays, Wednesdays Thursdays between 4-9pm & Saturdays between 11-2pm
Los Alamitos, Rossmoor.....	3	Tuesdays at 7:30pm
Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Westminster, Garden Grove, Stanton, Midway City, portions of Cypress.....	6	Tuesdays 2:30 & 8:30pm
Orange.....	6	Fridays at 9:30pm



Congressman Royce welcomes home troops to Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base after their tour of duty in Iraq.



Peace Corps Director Gaddy Vasquez discusses international relations issues under debate in Congress on the "Royce Report," a public affairs program shown on cable systems in the 40th District.

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