

Rep. Royce's Annual Women's Conference Factsheet and FAQs

2016 Conference Facts

- This is Rep. Royce's eighth Annual Women's Conference and this year his office received over 700 RSVPs.
- The Conference has always been free to attend and open to the public.
- Breakout session speakers and topics offered this year came from suggestions by previous conference attendees, and include financial management, healthy lifestyle tips, home buying, and career advice.
- The diverse audience includes single moms, small business owners, college students, women planning for retirement, and everyone in between.

Purpose

As a long-time advocate of women who is fighting to protect their rights, Rep. Royce wanted to offer an event that addressed issues most important to the women in his district. The conference is a half-day seminar dedicated to giving women the tools and resources they need to enrich their lives.

Keynote Speaker History

2016: Nina Davuluri – STEM education advocate and former Miss America
2015: Condoleezza Rice – former Secretary of State, scholar, and businesswoman
2014: Angie Harmon – actress and activist
2013: Kathleen Baty – President and CEO of Safety Chick Enterprises
2012: Mindy Burbano-Stearns - Emmy-nominated entertainment reporter
2011: Kristen Bell – actress and activist
2010: Lisa Ling - investigative journalist
2009: Meg Whitman - former eBay CEO

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Representative Royce?

U.S. Representative Ed Royce represents California's 39th Congressional District, which encompasses parts of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino counties. Municipalities in the district include Fullerton, Brea, La Habra, Diamond Bar, Walnut, and Chino Hills.

Rep. Royce is the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House committee with jurisdiction over foreign relations and the State Department, and a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee. A Southern California native, Rep. Royce is an alumnus of California State University, Fullerton, and resides in Fullerton with his wife Marie.

Who is the keynote speaker this year?

Nina Davuluri is a leading girl's STEM education advocate and the winner of the 2014 Miss America competition. In September of 2013, Nina, a University of Michigan graduate, gained international acclaim by becoming the first contestant of Indian descent to win the Miss America Competition representing the state of New York. Over the course of the Nina's year of service as Miss America, she logged approximately 250,000 miles traveling across the country to address an array of audiences on her platform: "Celebrating Diversity through Cultural Competency." In addition to her personal platform, Nina also has a partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Education promoting women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related fields.

How many attendees are anticipated? Where are attendees from?

Over 700 individuals have confirmed their attendance at this year's Conference. Our audience reflects the diversity of Southern California, and includes women from all over California's 39th Congressional District and the surrounding area.

Why did Rep. Royce start the conference?

Rep. Royce has worked to provide his constituents with events and outreach opportunities that matter most to them, examples include grants seminars, art competitions, town hall meetings, shred days, and job fairs. As a long-time advocate of women that fights to protect their rights, Rep. Royce wanted to offer an event that addressed issues most important to the women in his district.

How do you choose your speakers and what qualities do you look for?

We look for strong, accomplished, inspiring women, professionals in their fields that can address a diverse audience. Nina Davuluri, Condoleezza Rice, Meg Whitman, Lisa Ling, and Kristen Bell are all examples of successful women that have worked to improve the lives of many women.

What specifically do you hope attendees take away from the conference?

One conference attendee said this about a breakout session offered last year, "This was great. If women did only 50 or even 25 percent of what she said here today, it would be enough." The hope is that women walk away from Royce's conference feeling like it was a valuable resource and that they have the tools to pursue their goals.

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