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

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Dear Neighbor:

Welcome residents, both old and new, to California's new 40th Congressional district.

As you know, every 10 years each state has to redraw its legislative boundaries in relation to that decade's census count. For all of us this means that you now reside in the 40th Congressional district and I have the privilege of representing you in Congress.

The 40th District in Orange County (see map on back page) includes all or part of the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, Fullerton, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Orange, Placentia, Rossmoor, Stanton, Villa Park and Westminster.

For the new folks, I was raised in Anaheim and graduated from Cal State University, Fullerton. My wife, Marie, is a teacher at her alma mater, Cal Poly Pomona, and we live in Fullerton.

My priorities are victim's rights, taxpayer protection, education and national security, among others. At home, the focus is on providing quality constituent services for our community. I can help with many different issues – from a tour of Washington, D.C. to questions about the federal government. To learn more or get help, call the office anytime. To visit the 40th district's virtual office go to www.house.gov/royce.

Right now, we in Congress have the war on terror and our economy on the top of our agenda. The war in Iraq is drawing to a close because of the success and bravery of our men and women in the military. Our troops in Iraq, and elsewhere fighting the war on terrorism, deserve our utmost gratitude and respect. The major work in Iraq remains to be done and I look forward to working with the Administration to ensure that it is completed.



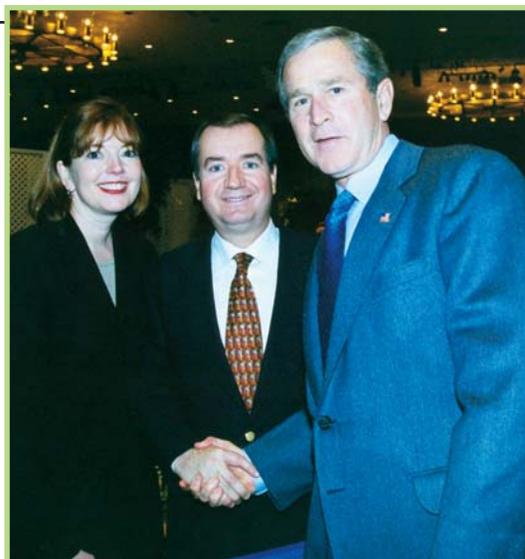
Lt. Col. Lisa Haskins of the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base discussed with Congressman Ed Royce the need for upgrades at the base. The National Guard base serves as a training center for the Army, Navy, and Air Force in Orange County, as well as the base of operations for emergency response in Southern California.

Our economy needs a boost, and the House has responded with an economic stimulus package that will cut taxes, increase revenue and create jobs, while holding the line on government spending. Americans will be able to keep more of their hard earned money, so our economic engine is once again firing on all cylinders and consumer confidence is rising.

To talk more about issues that concern you and your family, please attend one of the upcoming community forums in your neighborhood. Meetings this month will be in Orange, Anaheim, and Garden Grove (see maps for details). As always, please contact me anytime at (714) 992-8081 with your thoughts or concerns or visit www.house.gov/royce.

Sincerely,

Ed



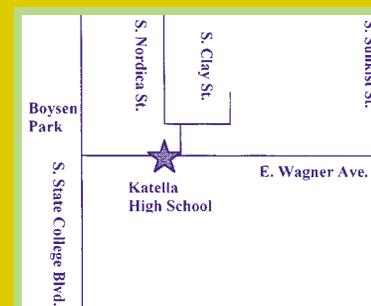
Congressman Royce and his wife Marie, a teacher, talk with President Bush about education issues and legislation affecting our local schools.

Community Forums

Anaheim

**Saturday, June 21st
10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Katella High School – The Theater
2200 E. Wagner Ave**



Orange

**Saturday, June 21st
2:00 - 3:30 pm**

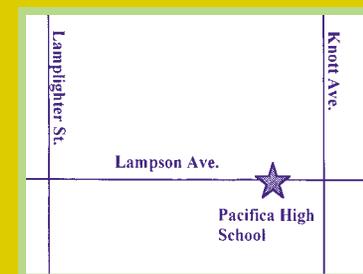
**Orange Senior Center
170 S. Olive Street**



Garden Grove

**Saturday, June 28th
2:00 - 3:30 pm**

**Pacifica High School – Lyceum B
6851 Lampson Avenue**



Helping to Bring a Multi-Purpose Park to Orange County

Representative Royce worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to obtain the land for Fullerton's new Sports Complex, which will serve the entire region. For the community, the sports complex was a decade-long goal. However, the land available was very steep. The Corps had land that was flatter and more suitable, so a transfer was done.

"It is a great place for friends and family to gather and enjoy the outdoors," Royce said.

He worked closely with the Army Corps of Engineers, Mayor Don Bankhead, the Fullerton City Council, and community service organizations to make this complex a reality. It was a long time coming, as development plans were conceived years ago.

The park has two baseball fields, one soccer and football field and trails that can be used for joggers, bicyclists and horseback riding. "The Sports Complex provides ample fields for Orange County's many youth leagues, which help our children learn skills for life, such as teamwork, discipline, time management, and the importance of physical fitness," noted Royce.

The park also contains a monument explaining the importance of the Brea Dam Basin in providing flood protection for the surrounding community. "I am pleased to see that the Corps was able to provide the open-space land for the community," said Royce. ■



Joined by youth teams and their parents, Congressman Ed Royce and Mayor Don Bankhead dedicated the new Fullerton Sports Complex. It is home to much-needed baseball, softball and soccer fields in Orange County.

Easing Noise, Congestion and Increasing Train Safety

Being stuck in traffic at a Placentia railroad crossing while the train whistle screams its warning is just one aspect of a regional transportation problem. Our transportation infrastructure is having a tough time keeping up with the flow of goods heading to the marketplace nation wide. These kinds of tie-ups eventually fall on the consumer in the form of increased prices.

Relieving our roadways of unnecessary congestion and bottlenecks is a major concern for Congressman Ed Royce. This year Congress' chief transportation bill must be renewed and our nation's critical transportation needs will be addressed.

"Our community in Orange County is at

the doorstep of international trade. Currently, 35 percent of all U.S. international trade comes through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and this container traffic will double by the year 2020. During previous transportation bills, \$2.4 billion was invested in

the Alameda Corridor. However, the return on that investment will be lost if improvements to the Alameda Corridor East— which runs through North Orange County — are not corrected," said Royce.

Royce has made the rail-lowering project in Placentia, Fullerton and Anaheim a priority in the upcoming transportation bill. The 5-mile long railroad-lowering project will consist of nine street crossings, which will be

"bridged" across the lowered rail lines. The rail lines will be constructed in a trench varying in depth from 35 to 40 feet. **When completed, the project will reduce noise pollution and result in a significant reduction in traffic congestion on the surrounding roadway while speeding up the movement of trade cargo to and from the ports.**

"Freight train volumes are increasing rapidly. Clearly, while producing greater economic opportunities for the country, this increase in trade has placed a tremendous amount of stress on the local infrastructure. The end goal is to lower the train tracks to lessen the burden on our local community, while speeding goods to market," he concluded. ■



Congressman Ed Royce met with Anaheim City Council members Richard Chavez, Shirley McCracken and Bob Hernandez, as well as Vice Chairman of the House Transportation Committee Tom Petri, and Orange County Transportation Authority Chairman Tim Keenan on pending legislation to relieve unnecessary congestion and bottlenecks on Orange County's freeways and rail network.

Jobs & Growth: Our National Priority

Over the last several years, an economic slowdown has plagued much of the country. We have been hit with a war on terror and sagging stock market returns. We need to get our economy back on track. Everyone who wants to work should be able to find a job, and goods and services produced in Orange County must be able to find a market in the rest of the country.

"Growing our economy is a top priority," said Congressman Ed Royce. "We need to kick-start our economy and restore confidence. Congress needs to work with President Bush to cut taxes and hold the line on spending."

Just recently, the House passed the first stage of President Bush's blueprint for powering economic growth and creating jobs. The Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003 [H.R. 2] will give people meaningful tax cuts and create about 70,000 jobs in California over the next 5 years.

The bill will accelerate tax relief already passed by Congress in 2001, including increasing the child credit to \$1,000, accelerating the expansion of the 10 percent bracket, and providing marriage penalty relief by accelerating the expansion of the 15 percent bracket and increasing the standard deduction for married persons filing joint returns. In addition, the individual rate will be reduced from 28% to 25%; 31% to 28%; 36% to 33% and 39.6% to 35%.

The bill also provides business and investment incentives, like increasing the amount small businesses can expense (immediately deduct) from \$25,000 to \$100,000. It reduces the tax rate on dividends and capital gains to 5 percent for taxpayers in the lowest tax brackets and to 15 percent for all other taxpayers.

"That's real relief for Orange County workers and employers. Getting money out of Washington and back to the people, so they can save, spend and invest is the best way to get our economy going and create revenue," Royce said.

Expanding *AMBER Alert* Nationwide, Protecting Children

As an original cosponsor of the bill to establish a national AMBER Alert system, Congressman Ed Royce worked to successfully include the bill in the Child Protection Act, which was recently passed and signed into law. The national AMBER Alert system is part of the much-needed anti-crime, child protection legislation.

AMBER is an acronym for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response Alert system.

Three out of four children who are murdered by their abductors are killed within three hours of being taken. It is imperative that law enforcement and the media have the tools to react quickly and to get the word out to our communities. Some of the most successful AMBER Alert cases have happened right in our backyard. Orange County has already used its Alert system multiple times to bring children home.

California was one of the first states to implement a statewide system. Through coordination between law enforcement officials and members of the broadcast media, the AMBER Alert plan

works by sending an emergency alert to the public when a child has been abducted. Passage of this legislation will ensure that when an abductor takes a child out of a broadcast region or crosses state lines, that child will still have a chance to be found.

In addition to the AMBER provisions, the Child Protection Act will deny pre-trial release for child abductors, require a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment for twice-convicted child sex offenders, and create a national Internet site containing information on registered sex offenders.

"The AMBER system works. We cannot let children in danger fall through the cracks simply because the necessary infrastructure was not in place," Royce concluded. ■



Congressman Ed Royce and Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn urged passage of the new AMBER Alert system at a Capitol press conference. This legislation will work to protect and bring abducted children home safely by enlisting the help of entire communities.

Getting Rid of the "Use-It-or-Lose-It" Rule . . .

Royce's Health Care Flex Spending Bill Gives You Greater Control

Congressman Ed Royce continues his campaign to help Americans take more control of their health care with the reintroduction of legislation (H.R. 176) to reform health care Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA).

Currently, employees can set aside part of their paycheck before taxes into a flexible spending account. Money in these accounts can be used to pay for medical or childcare expenses that are not covered by their insurance co-payments and deductibles.

However, there is a catch. At the end of the year, employees must forfeit their unused money.

Many people end up not setting money aside. Or, they waste what they did set aside at the end

of the year by buying extra eyeglasses or getting unnecessary exams.

"This use-it-or-lose-it rule is the worst of all economic incentives. It is counterproductive and does nothing to encourage saving for future health care needs," says Royce, whose bill is designed to let consumers rollover to the next year any unspent money up to \$2,000.

FSAs can be used to buy prescription drugs or cover unexpected costs throughout the year. It is an excellent way to broaden an individual's choice outside of a company's health-plan options. With an FSA, employees could choose less expensive and high-deductible insurance, helping to lower overall health care costs.

Being able to secure money in an FSA from year to year also helps people when they are out of work. Many individuals cancel their health policies after leaving a job because they are unable to pay the premiums. If FSAs were permitted to grow, workers could use that money to keep their insurance current until they are employed again.

"The benefits from an FSA are countless. It gives people the cash they need to get proper treatment. The idea is to give consumers an incentive to build health-care savings they can draw upon later, not force them to furiously spend their hard-earned money to avoid losing it at the end of the year," Royce said. ■

Being Prepared, Not Afraid . . .

Dealing With Our Nation's Heightened Security



Congressman Royce talks with city police chiefs from Orange County about their role in protecting our homeland and keeping our local communities safe. He briefed them on the activities of the new Department of Homeland Security.

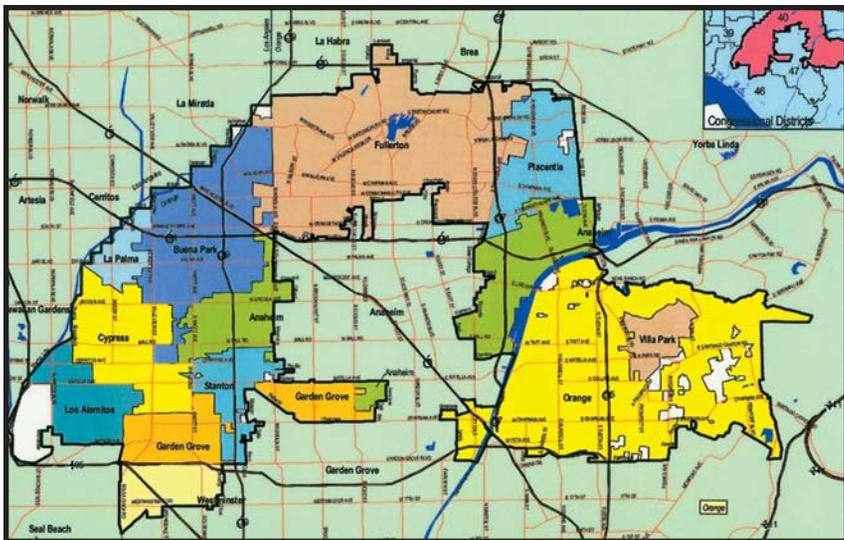
Through the new Department of Homeland Security, our government is working hard to strengthen our nation's security. The goal is to stop terrorist attacks before they happen. There is no need to panic or alter our daily routines. Here are some links to keep you and your loved ones up-to-date and prepared:

Find out more from the Dept. of Homeland Security:
www.dhs.gov

Be prepared, do not be afraid:
www.ready.gov

Get involved in your community:
www.citizencorps.gov

Learn about California emergency services:
www.oes.ca.gov



New Boundaries for the 40th Congressional District

As of January 2003, Congressman Ed Royce now represents the 40th Congressional district in Orange County. This includes all or part of the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, Fullerton, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Orange, Placentia, Rossmore, Stanton, Villa Park and Westminster. To learn more about the 40th Congressional district, visit its 24-hour virtual office at www.house.gov/royce.

Check out the map to find where you live. ■

Services for You

As your representative, Congressman Ed Royce is able to provide you with a variety of services. Below is a brief list. Please call him at (714) 992-8081 with any questions or visit www.house.gov/royce.

Royce can help you with:

- ❖ Getting assistance with a federal agency, such as the Social Security Administration or the Housing and Urban Development Agency.
- ❖ Reserving tickets to popular sites around Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Having a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol Building.
- ❖ Applying to one of the U.S. Military Academies.
- ❖ Becoming an intern in either the Fullerton, CA or Washington, D.C. office.



This Memorial Day, Congressman Royce visited with U.S. troops in Iraq and Kuwait in Operation Iraqi Freedom to discuss military and defense issues.



Cal State Fullerton alum Ed Royce, CSUF President Milt Gordon and Congressman Chris Cox worked with the Navy to obtain the new El Toro Satellite Campus and were present at the dedication event. Over three thousand CSUF students are now enrolled at the new campus.

Saluting Patty Shay . . .

Veteran Public Servant Facilitates More Than 460 Military Academy Appointments

Four-hundred-and-sixty-two to be exact, since 1979, when Patty Shay began vetting applications for Congressional nominations to U.S. Service Academies – Army/West Point, Naval/Annapolis, Air Force and Merchant Marine.

Admission to U.S. service academies is based upon nominations from a Member of Congress. Each year Congressman Ed Royce has the honor of nominating dozens of qualified students. It can be a lengthy process, often taking several years for some. “It’s important to understand, we can only nominate – the academies appoint or choose,” said Shay.

This year more than 40 applications have been submitted – 10 percent of these teenagers are women. Twenty students have already been accepted, and many more are awaiting responses from the highly selective service academies.

“This is an opportunity for a quality education and those who apply should have no illusions about what’s expected – high academic standards,

athletic stamina, self-discipline and leadership,” Shay added.

Shay says applicants should want an appointment “from the toes up,” not just because parents urge them to apply.

Those who graduate from their respective academy have a minimum 5-year service obligation, longer for pilots.

Known to the applicants and appointees as “Mama Shay,” she guides and cares for each student every step of the way – from appointment, through the academy, and most times even after graduation on through his or her life. “This is the fun part of my job,” says Shay, whose office walls abound in plaques and letters of appreciation.

Over the years, Shay has attended at least one graduation ceremony at each academy. Last year, she was able to take part in the historic 200th anniversary celebration at West Point.

The application and nomination process for a service academy goes beyond most other college and university applications. It requires dedicated, eager high school students with a strong interest in public service to our nation. Each year Shay holds several “Academy Nights” to highlight



Senior Staff Assistant Patty Shay has helped more than 400 students with the nomination process to West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Force and Merchant Marine Academies. She is an integral part of the services Congressman Ed Royce's office provides for residents of the 40th district.

and explain different aspects of the application process.

For more information, or if you think you might be interested, contact Shay at the Fullerton office or visit the website at www.house.gov/royce. ■

Be sure to visit the website at www.house.gov/royce to learn about other issues which may affect you.