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Dear Friend,

I would like to invite you to my upcoming town hall meeting on June 6th in Fullerton.

Additionally, I am hosting my First Annual Women's Conference in conjunction with the City of Orange. The conference is a half day seminar addressing issues facing women today. The conference will be held at Chapman University in Beckman Hall, Room 404 on Saturday, May 30 (see map).

The keynote speaker for the conference is Meg Whitman, former President and CEO of eBay. During her keynote address entitled "All Women are Leaders: Meg's Lessons Learned in Business and in Life." Meg will discuss the lessons she's learned to become a successful individual.

The women's conference will include the following breakout seminars:

- "Smart Money Management Tips: Making the Most of Your Finances"
- "Online Awareness and Safety for You and Your Family: Protecting Your Safety and Identity"
- "Addressing Women's Health and Wellness Concerns: Information and Education"
- "Resources for Women in Business: Essential Career Development Tools"

Please RSVP for the Women's Conference by filling out an electronic form on the Women's Conference section of my website at www.royce.house.gov/womensconference.

I look forward to seeing you at my town hall.

Sincerely,

Ed



Royce met with former student intern, Kiersten Rettberg, and her mother Gayle to discuss important legislative issues during the open house for the new district office in Orange.



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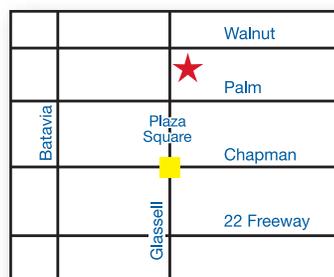
Women's Conference

Saturday, May 30th

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Chapman University • Beckman Hall Room 404
One University Drive Orange CA 92866

To RSVP go online to www.royce.house.gov and click on 'Women's Conference' and then fill out the RSVP form.



Coming Event

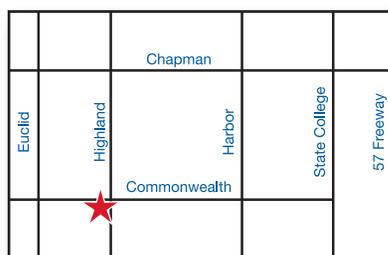
An opportunity to discuss constituent issues

Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, June 6th

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fullerton City Hall
303 W. Commonwealth
Fullerton, CA 92832



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IMMIGRATION UPDATE

Royce Encourages President to Resume Operation Jump Start at the Border

Representative Ed Royce and several colleagues sent a letter to President Barack Obama and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano requesting Operation Jump Start's resumption. The program, which ended in July 2008, successfully assisted in securing the border, enhancing border infrastructure, and improving border security and agent safety by deploying National Guard troops along the border.

There were not enough resources on the border for effective security – both in the number of “eyes and ears” on the ground as well as infrastructure being built. This effort deployed National Guard troops to meet our Southwest border security needs. Operation Jump Start was a tremendous success. Guardsmen built 37 miles of fence, repaired 700 miles of roadway, assisted in confiscating over 298,000 pounds of drugs, offered support in over 166,000 arrests and helped in 100 rescues. They were vital in securing the border.

Drug cartels and corruption have increased violence and decreased stability in the region. Last year, more than 6,000 people and this year more than 1,000 have died as a result. On February 20, the State Department issued a travel alert as drug cartels are engaged in an increasingly violent conflict among themselves and the Mexican government for control of trafficking routes along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Due to the current situation in Mexico, more resources are needed to ensure additional border security. There are still significant security and infrastructure needs on the border and the National Guard should be used as an asset in this regard.

At a time when drug violence from Mexico threatens to spill over the border and expose our communities and families to the consequences, there is strong support to resume Operation Jump Start.

Fighting for Fiscal Responsibility

The National Taxpayers Union (NTU) announced that Royce, who is consistently recognized for a pro-taxpayer voting record, was among the top ten 2008 “Taxpayers’ Friend Award” recipients out of the entire House of Representatives.

“It took a lot of courage to withstand pressure and vote against the bailout last fall, and stand up for taxpayers,” National Taxpayers Union President Duane Parde said. “Royce’s strong commitment to lower taxes and principled method of governing is reflected in his Taxpayer Score – the ninth-highest in the entire House of Representatives. He is truly a ‘Taxpayers’ Friend,’ and we at National Taxpayers Union are proud to present this award.”

At a time when many taxpayers are hurting it is wrong to pass legislation that loads trillions of dollars of debt onto their backs. Yet, the 2010 budget calls for an unprecedented \$3.5 trillion in spending and results in trillion dollar deficits for years. The lack of sustainability in the budget is seriously concerning. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office says, “Debt held by the public would rise, from 41 percent of GDP in 2008 to 57 percent in 2009 and then to 82 percent of GDP by 2019.”

Among the lengthy list of troubles this unchecked spending brings is the borrowing of hundreds of billions from China, the Middle East, and other nations that own our growing debt.



Rep. Ed Royce joined his colleagues at a press conference in the U.S. Capitol to urge the President to commute the sentences of Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean. A gross miscarriage of justice was finally righted when the sentences of Ramos and Compean were commuted in January.

Rep. Royce Receives “Children’s Champion” Award

Web Wise Kids recognized the efforts of Rep. Ed Royce to protect our nation’s children and presented him with the “Children’s Champion” Award for his work in the House of Representatives. Web Wise Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering today’s youth to make wise choices online.

For years, Royce has worked to protect children; and while in the state senate supported the first laws in the country to deal directly with cyber bullying. He also supported Megan’s law, which required sex offender registration and community notification and was the author of the first anti-stalking law in the country.

Federal law requires all schools receiving E-rate funding to implement Internet safety programs, but no funding has been provided to meet this requirement. Royce submitted a request on behalf of the Orange County Department of Education to provide funding for this program, which helps stop child predators. **With increasing numbers of children using the Internet, it is imperative that they have the tools to use technology safely and act responsibly.** An Internet Youth Safety program is critical to providing educators the tools to prevent online child victimization for today’s children, who are literally growing up online.



Royce is recognized for his efforts to help protect children during a special event in Orange hosted by Web Wise Kids. Royce discussed the threats to children in an online and mobile environment and how to protect them from cyber bullying, predators, fraud, and identity theft.

Bailout plan could mutate into a gravy train of tax money

Before proceeding with new government spending – which we don't have the money for – we should look closely at the financial bailout plan Congress approved, which I opposed. Already the \$700 billion bailout has had unintended consequences. Unfortunately it seems fairly certain that this pot of money will push the federal government into businesses from which pulling back will be very hard.

Predictably, a cottage industry has sprung up to encourage every financial institution in the phone book to tap the Troubled Asset Relief Program. The sales pitch Washington lawyers and lobbyists give banks throughout the country is: Your competition is accessing TARP, getting cheap capital, you'd better, too.

One of the biggest reasons we are in dire financial straits is that regulators and members of Congress pressured banks to write, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to back, mortgages people could not repay. **The urge to abuse the distribution of tax dollars under TARP – to give loans to friends, to deny loans to foes – will prove great. At the**

least, there will be pressure to use TARP to make as many loans as possible, regardless of their soundness. Key senators have already spoken of setting mandates on loans made by TARP beneficiaries. This is too reminiscent of how Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did business.

Supporters say that TARP is a temporary fix. We'll see. History tells us that government programs rarely, if ever, go away. Every government program gains a constituency to guard it, while the taxpayers have too few defenders. While this amount of government involvement in our capital markets is unprecedented, the abuses that appear to be accompanying the TARP are not.

Potentially more harmful in the long run, the line between government and the private sector became increasingly blurred with this massive bailout.

This is an excerpt of an editorial by Ed Royce which appeared in the *Orange County Register*.



After 65 years, WWII Marine Corps veteran, Frank McNerney is recognized for his service and awarded the Order of the Purple Heart.

Marine Corps World War II Veteran Awarded Purple Heart

Rep. Ed Royce celebrated the Department of the Navy's decision to award Frank J. McNerney Jr., an 82 year-old Marine Corps veteran, a Purple Heart for his service in the Battle of Saipan during World War II.

For 65 years, Sgt. Frank McNerney has walked with stiffness, a daily reminder of the wound he received on Saipan. But, like many of his fellow Marine veterans, he never complained and he said every day after Saipan was a gift from God, lived on borrowed time.

Sgt. Frank McNerney was one of the true heroes of what has come to be called the "Greatest Generation." He and his fellow Marines who fought their way through those terrible battles in the Pacific gave the greatest, and for many, the last full measure of devotion for their country.

However, Sgt. McNerney never received the Purple Heart he was due. It has taken 65 years for that honor and recognition to catch up to him.

After years of unsuccessful attempts McNerney's son, Dan McNerney, requested federal assistance from Royce's office to obtain the Purple Heart for his father.

One of the most important responsibilities a Representative has is helping constituents interact with the many agencies and offices of the federal government. **Anyone in the 40th district that is currently facing an up hill battle with a federal agency is encouraged to get in contact with the district office in Orange.**

Royce met with actress Kristen Bell and the documentarians of *Invisible Children* to discuss the current situation in Sudan and the plight of child soldiers and child abductees in Uganda.



Royce Launches Blog to Focus on Terrorism and National Security

As part of his efforts to maximize and modernize outreach to the people of Orange County, Representative Ed Royce has launched a blog, called *Foreign Intrigue*, to post thoughts on international issues affecting the security of our country. As the Ranking Member of the Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade Subcommittee, Royce is at the forefront of vital issues. The blog serves as a unique vehicle to communicate Royce's views on current foreign policy issues such as the current crisis in nuclear armed Pakistan. It is typically updated about three times a week.

The world is changing rapidly. This is an exciting new way to keep in touch with constituents and share views on various foreign policy issues facing the country; offering current and unique analysis on items from around the globe.

From topical issues such as Pakistan, Iran, and North Korea to less covered countries of Zimbabwe and Darfur, Sudan, the blog is an excellent source for information. To view the latest blog posts from the *Foreign Intrigue* blog or to sign up to receive updates via RSS Feeds visit:

www.royce.house.gov/foreignintrigueblog.

Royce Supports Mathematics and Science Education

During a visit to California State University, Fullerton Rep. Ed Royce received a comprehensive briefing by the departmental heads to discuss the Center of the Advancement of Teaching and Learning in Mathematics and Science Education (CATLMSE). President Milton Gordon was present during the briefing session.

There are five major strands of emphasis at CATLMSE:

- Recruitment and Preparation of Math and Science Teachers
- Cyber-learning to Improve Math and Science Teaching and Learning
- Enriching the Professional Development and Experience of Teachers
- Program Evaluation on Math and Science Education
- Advancement of Research on Teaching and Learning in Math and Science

One of the core drivers of innovation in the U.S. is its strength in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. Yet, in an increasingly interconnected world, the U.S. has not been keeping pace with its economic competitors. Shifts in the international talent pool and in America's role in global research and development are threatening U.S. ascendance in science and technology and, by extension, its ability to innovate. Since the 1960s, there has been a steady drop in math and science majors. This is occurring at a time when the number of jobs requiring math and science skills continues to grow. **As a legislative supporter of CATLSME, Royce understands that it is clear that new and improved ways of teaching and learning are needed to generate more mathematicians and scientists.**



Royce met with department heads, students and President Milton Gordon during a visit to California State University, Fullerton to discuss teaching initiatives for mathematics and science, as well as, language.

District Happenings

It has certainly been a busy time in Orange County, with public service groups, educational institutions, seniors, service members young and old and youth groups all very active in the community.

Royce toured the Goodwill Fitness Center which was established to create the first Fitness Center in Orange County for people with disabilities and chronic illness.

There are currently about 70,000 people in Orange County living with physical disabilities, and the number grows each year.



Rep. Royce presented Diane Oh with the silver and bronze congressional medal. Diane contributed over 800 hours of voluntary public service in her community.



Royce is awarded the Humane Society's 'Legislative Leader' award for his leadership on co-authoring legislation to protect endangered species such as the cheetah, leopard, lion and jaguar.



Carolyn Cavecche, Mayor of Orange, attended the open house for Royce's new district office located in Orange. The City of Orange will co-host Royce's First Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, May 30, 2009 with Mayor Cavecche participating.



Royce welcomed the Williams family of La Palma, shown with Marie Royce, during an Open House at his Washington, D.C. office for Inauguration week.



Orange County businesswomen visit office to discuss local business issues.