



Rep. Grace Napolitano

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Napolitano Helps Create Jobs with Local Transportation Projects

- **Alameda Corridor East.** Helped secure \$217 million in federal funds to remove railroad crossings and build tunnels and bridges that keep railways separate from our streets. These projects mean more construction jobs, fewer accidents, less traffic congestion and less pollution.
- **Metro Gold Line.** Helped secure the \$735 million needed to expand the Gold line, which Metro expects to create 6,900 jobs.
- **Electric Buses.** Secured \$10 million for new, American made, rechargeable electric buses for the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Foothill Transit.** \$7.8 million for the new Industry Park & Ride facility currently under construction.
- **I 57-60 Confluence Project.** Federal funds to help improve safety and congestion where freeways meet.
- **National Transportation Bill.** Supports a fully-funded national transportation bill to put people back to work building roads, railways, airports, and infrastructure in California and across the country.



Napolitano discusses infrastructure issues with her constituents

Free Export Fair Helps Local Businesses Create Jobs



Napolitano's fair gave expert advice to local businesses

Rep. Napolitano held a free business export workshop with the City of Pico Rivera and the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce to show business people how to increase international sales and create jobs. "These federal experts can help our businesses increase their revenues and create new employment," Napolitano said.

"One of the ways we can create jobs is by exporting our products worldwide," said Philip Ramos Jr., CEO of Santa Fe Spring's Philatron International Inc. "This is a much-needed event because it helps us do that."

News Alert: On Dec. 7, Congress passed Napolitano's Hoover Power Allocation Act, which ensures that many local cities like Azusa, Pasadena, and Los Angeles will continue to have access to the Hoover Dam's low-cost electricity through 2067.

Napolitano Supports Troops Returning Home

Thousands of our troops are coming home from Iraq to their families. Napolitano has voted to support our troops and assist our heroes:

- **Vow to Hire Heroes Act (HR 2433).** Employers will now receive up to \$9,600 in tax credits for hiring a veteran, depending on how long the veteran has been unemployed.
- **Improving Veterans Healthcare (HR 3288, 111th).** Veterans Administration hospitals received increased funding and improved mental health services.
- **Pay Raises for Active Duty Soliders (HR 2647, 111th).** Troops received a 3.5% raise in 2008, a 3.9% raise in 2009, and a 3.4% raise in 2010.
- **Stop-Loss Pay for Extra Tours (HR 2346, 111th).** Troops and veterans received \$500 for every extra month they served under stop-loss orders since 2001.

Napolitano continues to push for increased benefits for our veterans. Visit www.va.gov for more information.



Assistance for Military Spouses

The Veterans Administration is offering new resources to help military families as their vets adjust to civilian life. Visit www.caregiver.va.gov or call 1-855-260-3274 for information and assistance, i.e. phone counseling and advice on family stress, PTSD, TBI, and other issues.

Napolitano Teams Up with L.A. Band Ozomatli on Mental Health



Rep. Napolitano and Ozomatli discuss mental health issues with Cerritos College Students

Rep. Grace Napolitano invited widely-acclaimed L.A. band Ozomatli to Cerritos College for a discussion about mental health and the college’s mental health worker job training program. “Dealing with all of the challenges in life is not something we should have to do on our own. Ozomatli has been successful for 15 years largely because of group therapy,” said singer Raul Pacheco.

Napolitano supports youth access to mental health services, since 1 out of 5 young people suffer from a mental health issue. Her suicide prevention program recently celebrated 10 years of helping students in 15 local schools. Visit napolitano.house.gov for info

Napolitano Secures Medical Benefits for Woman Affected by Agent Orange

Vietnam vet Henry Meraz appealed to Rep. Napolitano for assistance: he had been exposed to the toxic chemical used by the Army known as Agent Orange during his service, and the side-effects of this exposure had been passed down to his daughter when she was born. She had developed serious health problems and was confined to a wheelchair. After months of working with the Veterans Administration, Napolitano and her staff secured monthly financial benefits to help Henry’s daughter. “It means a lot to me, because now I know she will be taken care of,” Meraz said. Visit napolitano.house.gov for more info about what kinds of problems with federal agencies Napolitano can help you with.



Rep. Napolitano discusses veterans issues with Mr. and Mrs. Meraz

Rep. Napolitano’s Constituent Survey

- What do you think is...
 - the most critical issue facing America? _____
 - an issue that deserves more attention? _____
 - the more important priority, cutting deficits or creating jobs? *DEFICITS* *JOBS* *OTHER:* _____
 - the best way to create jobs?
 - A) *Transportation & Infrastructure* B) *Cut taxes* C) *Improve education* D) *Remove regulations* E) *Other* _____
 - the best way to cut the deficit?
 - A) *Taxes on wealthy* B) *Reductions Medicare & Social Security* C) *Cut waste* D) *Create Jobs* E) *Other* _____
 - the most important thing we can do to help small businesses create jobs?
 - A) *Tax credits* B) *Lower healthcare costs* C) *Access to credit* D) *Improve economy to boost demand* E) *Other* _____

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