Transportation Funding Creates Jobs in San Gabriel Valley

Helped secure federal funds producing jobs, spurring economic growth in the San Gabriel Valley. Napolitano also voted to enact H.R. 4348, Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, designating funds for critical projects:
- Joined 2 Southern CA colleagues on letters to LA MTA to fund Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa), resulting in approval of $741 million, creating 6,000 jobs.*
- Alameda Corridor East (ACE) secured $235 million for 18 ACE grade separation projects, creating 30,332 jobs.**
- Supported H.R. 4348, for $180 million to add new 1-10 Carpool Lanes, creating 6,500 jobs.***

*Source: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
**Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority
***House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Helping Restore Veteran’s Widow’s Benefits

Gisela Bandurraga (Covina), widow of Vietnam War Vet Faustino Bandurraga, requested assistance obtaining her Veteran’s Widow’s pension she had applied for since March 2012. Hector Elizalde, Veterans Liaison, contacted L.A. VA. On February 15 she was informed her application would be processed with retroactive pay from April 2012. “I want to commend Rep. Napolitano’s office for intervening on our behalf and connecting us with the VA,” said Christine Breese, Gisela’s daughter. “We cannot thank them enough for what they have done.” Visit http://napolitano.house.gov/serving-you/help-federal-agency for more info.
Military Academy Nominees

2014 nominations for appointment to Air Force, West Point, Naval, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine Academies allow high school graduates opportunities to serve for a minimum of nine years:

**U.S. Naval Academy**
Jacob Adams, La Verne, Damien H.S.
Amanda-Nicole Alvarado, La Puente, Bishop Amat H.S.
Jane Lee, Covina, Walnut H.S.
Michael Lopez, West Covina, West Covina H.S.
Hayden Ward, San Dimas, Damien H.S.
Kevin Wong, West Covina, Bishop Amat H.S.

**West Point Academy**
Prasad Dipak, La Puente, US Mil Academy Prep School
Greg McKnight, West Covina, South Hills H.S.
Matthew Measer, Glendora, Damien H.S.
Roberto Nunez, West Covina, Edgewood H.S.

**Air Force Academy**
Morgan Galvan, San Dimas, Bonita H.S.
Jennifer Garcia, West Covina, Santa Fe H.S.
Ashley Gauthier, Covina, San Dimas H.S.
Ryan Gorski, Covina, Damien H.S.
Kenneth Moore, Arcadia, Rio Hondo Prep School

Dedicated students who want to serve their country, ages 17 to 22, can apply to this Office in October, request an Academy Nomination Application Form, and will be invited to attend our annual Military Academy Day event with family to meet with representatives of all academies.

**Recommendation:** Freshmen, acquaint yourselves with the program to build a strong resume.

Contact Hector Elizalde at 626-350-0150 or visit http://napolitano.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nominations.

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**Students - Important Selective Service Info**

Young men must register with Selective Service by age 26, be eligible for:
- State or federal student financial aid: Pell Grants, College Work Study, or any government education loans
- Qualifying for U.S. citizenship (registration necessary if a man immigrated before his 26th birthday)
- Federal job training programs
- Jobs in federal agencies and the post office require applicants to be registered in order to apply.

To register, go to www.sss.gov or ask for a Selective Service form at a post office. Do not wait, 23% of Calif. men already excluded.

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**Water/Drought Update**

CA Gov. Jerry Brown declared the State in a drought emergency on January 17, 2014. All residents are urged to reduce their water usage by 20%.

Some helpful water saving tips:
- Installing aerators on faucets, save 1.2 gal a day
- Turning off faucet while brushing teeth or shaving, save up to 10 gal a day
- Reducing shower time from 10 to 5 min, save 12.5 gal a day
- Installing a high-efficiency toilet, save 19 gal per day
- Sweep sidewalks, driveways, and patios, not using a hose saves 8-18 gal a minute

For more drought info & tips, visit www.saveourh2o.org or www.bewaterwise.com.

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**2014 Coming Events**

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**Small Business & Export Seminar**

Specific dates to be announced; visit http://napolitano.house.gov/events or call the El Monte Office at 626-350-0150 for updates.

**HEALTH CARE REMINDER:**

March 15th is the last day to choose a health plan through Covered California, (marketplace set up through the Affordable Care Act (ACA)), that begins April 1st. Visit www.coveredca.com or call 1-800-300-1506.

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Santa Fe Dam & Recreation Center in Irwindale

Napolitano discusses military issues with Matthew Measer at 2013 Military Academy Day in West Covina.
Mental Health Update

- **Latina Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program**, begun locally in 2001 to provide mental health services on-site in 4 schools to assist ANY child in need, has grown to 26 schools K-12 in southeast L.A. County, with financial assistance from L.A. Co. Dept. of Mental Health. On-site clinicians work with family, school officials, to provide immediate treatment to children identified with signs of high risk behavior, who are encouraged, through assemblies, presentations, open house events, to seek help to address personal stress ensuring progress in school. Now serves as a pilot program for H.R. 628, the Mental Health in Schools Act of 2013. Schools recently starting Youth Suicide Prevention Programs:
  1. Northview Intermediate School – Duarte
  2. Duarte High School – Duarte
  3. El Monte High School – El Monte
  4. Magnolia Learning Center – El Monte
  5. Mountain View High School – El Monte
  6. Torch Middle School – City of Industry


- **32nd District Mental Health**
  - **Task Force** - Napolitano welcomed actor, Arjay Smith; NFL Wide Receiver Brandon Marshall and his wife Michi Marshall; and World “Boxing Cares” Chair, Jill Diamond, as the newest members of her Mental Health Task Force. Members undergo mental health training before volunteering to act as spokespersons to increase access and awareness of mental health services, specifically to help rid the stigma against mental health.
  - **Consortium** – A dedicated group of local mental health professionals and advocates meet quarterly to discuss and share mental health related information regarding, but not limited to, youth, seniors, veterans, local and state health care resources, advising the Congresswoman on public mental health policy and related issues. If interested, contact 626-350-0150.

May Mental Health Month

May--observed as National Mental Health Awareness Month since 1949, when advocates and activists began to draw attention to the mental health issues that affect 1 in 4 Americans. More people die from suicide than from traffic accidents or homicides. We lose 22 veterans to suicide daily. You can show support for mental health and help us get rid of stigma by wearing lime green during the month of May. Learn about warning signs, visit [http://napolitano.house.gov/legislative-work/may-mental-health-awareness-month](http://napolitano.house.gov/legislative-work/may-mental-health-awareness-month) for more info on May Mental Health Month. National Mental Health Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK.
Constituent Services Guide

- **Academy Nominations**: H.S. students recommendations to U.S. military academies
- **Flags**: U.S. Capitol-flew American Flag with cert. on specific day, only if given two weeks’ notice
- **Immigration/Naturalization**: Assistance w/ visas, work permits, legal residency, naturalization
- **IRS**: Assistance with difficult tax problems
- **Military**: Hardship discharge, extension of leave, compassionate reassignment, medals
- **Passports**: Emergency expediting the passport process.
- **Presidential Greetings**: Presidential greetings for special occasions (birthday for 80+ years, anniversary for 50+ years, wedding, baby’s birth) must be requested at least one month before

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32nd Congressional District Constituent Survey - Share Your Views

**What do you think is...**

Our priority should be: ____________________________________________

Job creation through?

- [ ] A) Bring manufacturing home
- [ ] B) Transportation & Infrastructure
- [ ] C) Cut taxes
- [ ] D) Improve Education
- [ ] E) Remove regulations
- [ ] F) Other: __________________________

Congressional immigration reform to include:

- [ ] A) Securing border **only**
- [ ] B) Earned path to citizenship with border security
- [ ] C) No reform is necessary
- [ ] D) Other: __________________________

Small businesses create more jobs by:

- [ ] A) Providing tax credits
- [ ] B) Lowering healthcare costs
- [ ] C) Increasing access to credit
- [ ] D) Other: __________________________

Any additional comments or views: ____________________________________________

Thank you for your participation!

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