Update to the Community:

Rep. Grace Napolitano
Proudly representing California's 32nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives:

As Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano hosted officers from Azusa, Covina, Glendora, and West Covina Police Departments at her quarterly 32nd District Mental Health Consortium meeting, where they discussed local mental health experts’ need for officers to receive Crisis Intervention Training (CIT): a program to help police officers react appropriately to situations involving mental illness or developmental disability. “We are here today to discuss how we bridge the gap; training officers and personnel to recognize when different handling and approaches are needed in responding to crises that involve mental illness,” said Sr. Officer Kyle Bailey, Azusa PD. “We all play a role in recognizing that difference, and together we will be better prepared when those situations arise.” The four PDs recently formed the East San Gabriel Mental Health Evaluation Team (ESGMET) with LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) to have one mental health clinician ‘ride along’ to help police respond to persons with mental illness in a more compassionate and productive manner.

Army Corps’ Stormwater Capture Increases Water Supply for LA Region

For over 8 years Napolitano has worked closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) – LA District to improve stormwater capture at Southern California dams to combat drought, leading to the Corps’ recent capture of more than 24k Acre Feet (AF) of water after the January 5th El Niño storm event:

- 8,750 AF at Whittier Narrows Dam, water for 108,500 people for a year
- 15,600 AF at nearby Prado Dam, water for 193,400 people for a year.

Flexible management of these dams over the last 3 years, encouraged by Napolitano, is allowing the Corps to capture additional water during storms for future needs. Napolitano is the most senior California member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where she currently serves as the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, which oversees EPA’s Clean Water Act programs in addition to the Corps’ water programs. Info: napolitano.house.gov/issue/water

SGV Police Depts. Fight Stigma, Promote Greater Mental Health Awareness

Napolitano discussed best mental health practices with local police officers at the La Puente Community Center on January 22.

“No collaboration between our local PDs and County professionals to be able to properly respond to people in mental health crises is absolutely critical,” Napolitano said. “I thank them in joining our fight against stigma, bringing awareness to an issue that affects all of us, and for all they are doing to keep our communities safe.” For info, call Barbara Dickerson at 626-350-0150.

2016 Art Contest

Calling all Student artists: Ask your art teacher about our Congressional Art Contest! Young artists will be able to display their talent at local & national levels. 1st place winner will be flown to Washington, D.C for a national reception and his/her art piece will be displayed in the Capitol Tunnel; 2nd place displayed in Washington, D.C Office; 3rd place displayed in El Monte Office.

Requirements:
- High School students must reside in 32nd Congressional District
- Artwork may be up to 28” by 28” (including frame) and may be up to 4” in depth
- Artwork must be 2-dimensional, of any medium (paint, charcoal, photography, drawing, etc.)
- DEADLINE: April 8; Awards Ceremony: May 7
- Info: napolitano.house.gov/serving-you/art-competition

2015 Winners, L to R: Dayna Murri (2nd Place); Sabrina Rodriguez (3rd Place); and Aliss Cordon (1st Place).
SAVE THE DATE!

Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano hosts 5th Annual Veterans Forum
Saturday June 25, 2016
NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
1351 W. Sierra Madre Ave Azusa, CA 91702
Registration begins 8:00am Program begins 8:30am

BREAK OUT SESSIONS
Mental Health; Women Warriors; Education
Financial Planning; Homelessness

Contact Hector Elizalde, Veterans/Military Liaison
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   Comments: ____________________________________________________________

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