Napolitano Hosts Home Rescue Fair with Community Groups

On Saturday, June 5, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano co-hosted a foreclosure prevention fair for 450 homeowners with the Alliance for Stabilizing our Communities and local community banks at La Puente High School.

“Everyone here should take full advantage of the services being offered,” Napolitano said. “Having a sound plan is critical for preventing foreclosure, and the knowledge shared here can help people keep their homes.”

“My home is almost going into foreclosure,” said Carol Rico of La Puente. “I’ve been talking to a credit counselor here and I’ve already received a lot of information, so it’s been helpful.”

The fair featured counselors approved by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, a foreclosure avoidance workshop, info on avoiding scam artists, and loan specialists from Chase, CitiMortgage, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo. Resources were also provided by the East L.A. Community Corporation and the Los Angeles Center for Foreclosure Solutions.

For info, go to www.hud.gov and click “Avoid Foreclosure”

Napolitano Honors ‘Unsung Heroines,’ 2010 Women of the Year

On May 15, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano honored 23 women nominated for exemplary service by volunteer organizations at the Montebello Senior Center. “It is essential we pay tribute to these women who volunteer their time to improve their communities, and who have never been publicly thanked,” Napolitano said. “Today, we say thank you -- your example is an inspiration.”

Pictured above, front row, left to right: Rosa Perez, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, Marichuy Gomez, Garfield High School JROTC, Maria Garcia, Pomona Unified School District, Ethna Garcia, Pio Pico Woman’s Club, Olga Enterios, Southern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic, Lori Crial-Peterson, Soroptimist International of Santa Fe Springs, Nancy Cowardin, Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple, Mary Beas, Montebello Friends of the Library, Christine Ader, City of Pomona Police Department, Lela Acosta, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol & Drug Abuse.


State Program Offers Housing Assistance

The California Housing Finance Agency has received $700 million in federal funds to help homeowners avoid foreclosure by:

• Helping homeowners rescue their underwater mortgages with up to $50 thousand of assistance over three years
• Temporarily subsidizing half of mortgage payments for the unemployed, up to $1,500 a month for up to six months
• Setting up to $15 thousand of past arrears for former unemployed who now have jobs and can make modified payments
• Sending up to $5000 in relocation assistance to homeowners who gave up or short-sold their house instead of foreclosing

Visit keepyourhomecalifornia.com or call (916) 373-2585

Help with Federal Services

Community Casework Fair, Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m. Mexican American Opportunity Foundation at 401 N. Garfield Ave, Montebello

Get help with:

Social Security  Veterans Administration  US Immigration Services  IRS

Hosted by Rep. Napolitano. For more info visit www.napolitano.house.gov
Napolitano Hosts Job Fair with Local Employers

On May 14, the office of Rep. Grace F. Napolitano hosted a Veterans-and-Youth job fair at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex in conjunction with the California Employment Development Department, City of Norwalk, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, SASSFA WorkSource, and Hearts of Compassion. Over 600 people attended the event, which included 54 private employers, 34 youth and veterans service providers, training sessions in resume writing, a dress-for-success workshop, a veterans benefits workshop, free haircuts, a food giveaway, and health screenings from the Veterans Administration’s mobile clinic. The job fair offered services aimed at veterans and young people but was open to all interested job seekers. All private employers participating were hiring. “I’m hoping that a door opens and I can get my foot in there so I can provide for my girls, I’m a single mom,” said Cynthia Lopez, a resident of Norwalk. “Everyone here is hiring now, that’s the best part,” said Vincente Castillo, who had been actively looking for 3 months. “I think my future is looking pretty good.” “This job fair is an opportunity for anyone looking for work,” Napolitano said. “Many qualified and hard-working people continue to look for a chance to provide for their families.”

Napolitano Visits Los Altos, Calls for Math & Science Funding

On May 8, Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano visited the students and teachers of the Los Altos Academy of Engineering at their fifth annual open house to view their amazing technical accomplishments and discuss renewing the America COMPETES Act, a bill that increases education funding for math and science. The students displayed several clean energy transportation projects, including a new internal combustion engine that runs on hydrogen. “I commend these young men and women for their remarkable achievements,” Napolitano said. “Their future work will keep America competitive. It is critical we continue to support science education – when our kids are this resourceful, just imagine what they can accomplish with the proper support.”

America COMPETES passed the House in May and now awaits a vote in the Senate.

Stimulus Funds Build Projects, Hire Local Workers

Since 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has funded projects and hired workers across the 38th District. Norwalk has repaired its transit vehicles and is upgrading its bus shelters and Metrolink park-and-ride station. LA County has repaved Reis Street in Hacienda Heights, Graves Avenue in Bassett, Valinda, and West Puente Valley, and is repaving Clark Avenue in Industry and Colima Road in Rowland Heights. Pomona has repaved San Antonio Avenue and is improving Towne and White avenues. Santa Fe Springs has resurfaced Marquardt Avenue, Excelsior Drive, and Mica Street. La Puente has reconstructed Hacienda Boulevard and Glendora Avenue, and Montebello has repaired city sidewalks. Santa Fe Springs funded a youth intervention program to prevent crime and Pico Rivera has made city air conditioning and heating more efficient. City projects meant much-needed improvements and created jobs.

Local school districts received more than $100 million to prevent hundreds of layoffs. Cal Poly Pomona, Western University of Health Science, and community colleges also received grants. Local nonprofits Foothill Family Services, House of Ruth, and Southern California Alcohol and Drugs Programs hired staff and provided food, childcare, education, job placement, and housing. Allcomp in Industry and Maxwell Sensors in Santa Fe Springs used stimulus funds to hire new people for federal contracts. Montebello completely renovated the Chet Holifield library. Pomona used funding to prevent homelessness for 110 families, rehabilitated 9 properties that will be resold to needy families, and removed lead paint at 54 properties and trained 62 people in lead paint removal. LA County completed new bike trails in “Emerald Necklace” parks and on the LA River.

“Putting people to work on long-awaited projects is essential to our community,” Napolitano said. “Without these new jobs and public works, our area’s economy would have been worse off.”

Projects for Summer and Fall


Cal Poly Broncos Win Title

Bernatrice Pezzi of Pomona enrolled in school using the new Post 9/11 GI Bill as a five-year veteran of the California National Guard. Soon after, the Veterans Administration informed her she was not entitled to GI Bill benefits due to an administrative error, meaning that she would have to pay her own way -- after she had already taken on thousands of dollars of school debt. Pezzi asked Congresswoman Napolitano for advice, and caseworker Steven Espejel helped her work with the Veterans Administration and Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Bob Filner. Several months of hard work and communication later, the VA realized its mistake and corrected the error. Pezzi received the $10,842 she was owed from the GI Bill, letting her pay off her debts and putting a college education within reach. Problems with federal government agencies take time to solve, but Napolitano’s office can always offer assistance. The back page of this newsletter lists the services offered and the office contact numbers.

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Students - Important Selective Service Info

Young men must register with Selective Service by age 26 to be eligible for the following jobs and services:
- State or federal student financial aid: Pell Grants, College Work Study, and other government education loans
- Qualifying for U.S. citizenship (registration necessary if a man immigrated before his 26th birthday)
- Federal job training programs
- Many 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

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California’s main water sources have been severely impacted by recent dry years. Winter rains have helped, but the situation is still serious and we all need to cut back:
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks and save up to 150 gallons each time
- Fix leaky faucets – drips can waste hundreds of gallons/yr
- Run your washing machine and dish washer only when full
- Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth
- Shorten your showers – just one minute less can save up to 5 gallons per day
- Check your sprinklers for leaks and drips
- Upgrade your home with water efficient showerheads and toilets

Use Your Water Wisely

Students interested in an appointment to U.S. military academies should contact us their freshman year of high school or as soon as possible.

- Flags: Purchase an American Flag flown over the U.S. Capitol, on a specific day, if given two weeks notice.
- Immigration/Naturalization: Assistance with visas, work permits, legal residency and naturalization.
- IRS: Help with difficult tax problems and obtaining copies of old tax returns.
- Military: Assist active personnel with hardship discharge, extension of leave, compassionate reassignment, and medals.
- Passports: Expediting the passport process.

- Presidential Greetings: Presidential greetings for your event must be requested at least one month prior.
- Small Business: Guidance with SBA loans, government contract opportunities, seminars and information.
- Veterans: Information about VA loans, government benefits, education, home loans and military records.
- Capitol Tours: Help plan your trip to Washington, D.C.
- Workers’ Comp: Assist individuals with their benefits claims from the Office of Workers’ Compensation Program.

Constituent Services Guide

38TH DISTRICT CONSTITUENT SURVEY

Congresswoman Napolitano values your opinion and wants your input on important legislation. Please take the time to fill out this survey and mail it back to: Congressmanwoman Grace F. Napolitano, 1610 Longworth Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please include your email below to receive poll results.

1. Which statement do you most agree with:
   - The government should try to boost jobs and jumpstart the economy, even if that means higher short-term deficits
   - Deficits should be reduced now, even if that means less economic growth and higher unemployment
   - Neither

2. Which of the following statements best describes your view of the new health care reform legislation?
   - I strongly support the new law
   - I support the new law but wish it had a “public option”
   - I have some concerns but waiting to see how it turns out
   - I oppose the new law
   - Other: ____________________

Comments: ____________________

EMAIL ADDRESS - write below to receive poll results, e-news, info on coming job fairs and more: