



# The 47th Flyer

News for California's 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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March 7, 2014

The month of March is recognized as National Women's History Month. Women make up just over half of our population; and whether it is through policy or activism, women must have equal economic opportunity, equal pay, and equal representation to that of men. I have said it before, and I will say it again: When women succeed, America succeeds.

I encourage you to visit [www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov](http://www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov) to learn more about just a few of the women who have contributed to the progress of our nation.

## On The Hill

### The President's Proposed Budget

I am encouraged that the President's budget includes proposals to invest in infrastructure, job training, advanced manufacturing, preschool, and other critical areas that will help move America forward. Most importantly, the President lays out a way to pay for these plans by closing tax loopholes enjoyed by only the wealthy and well-connected.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the President's Fiscal Year 2015 proposed budget.

### Climate Change: Case Closed

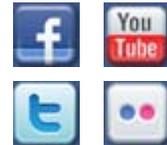
On Wednesday, the House voted on the Electricity Security and Affordability Act, which, if signed into law, would unfortunately prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from creating or enforcing any rule establishing greenhouse gas (GHG) emission standards under the Clean Air Act for new fossil fuel-fired power plants unless separate GHG emission standards were also established for coal and natural gas plants. It would also reverse decades of precedent and practice, barring the EPA from requiring pollution standards on coal plants, some of the dirtiest and most polluting in the nation.

I believe this bill missed a critical opportunity to provide much-needed protections for our climate, especially as we learn more and more about the potentially devastating effects of climate change. That is why I introduced, along with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, an amendment that would accept the scientific finding of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that greenhouse gas pollution is "contributing to long-lasting changes in our climate that can have a range of negative

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**Do you agree with the President's decision in his proposed budget to close tax loopholes enjoyed by only the wealthy and well-connected?**

Yes - It is unfair for the wealthy and well-connected to enjoy special tax breaks, especially as millions of middle class Americans are still struggling to get by

Maybe - Closing tax loopholes for the wealthy and well-connected is a start, but he should instead create a simpler and fairer tax code for all Americans, regardless of their economic status.

No - His budget plan is irresponsible

I do not know

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effects."

Regrettably, the bill passed without our amendment, on a vote of 229-183. However, I had a chance to speak on the House Floor before the vote in favor of the passage of our amendment:



[Click here](#) or the image above to watch my remarks.

### **Two million and counting...**

On December 28 of last year, Congress failed to renew emergency unemployment benefits for the millions of Americans who have been struggling to find work. These are Americans who have exhausted all of their options, and who must rely on this temporary safety net in order to put food on the table and a roof over their head while they spend their days searching for work. It was irresponsible and heartless for Congress to let these benefits expire.

From December 28 to March 8, it is estimated that 339,101 Californians lost their unemployment benefits as a result of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program's expiration. We must renew the program for these Californians, and for the 1.6 million more Americans who are suffering due to Congress' inaction.



## In The 47th District

### Coffee and Conversation

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join me later this month for a cup of coffee and conversation in Long Beach about the issues facing our community and nation. I will be providing a Congressional update to attendees and, as always, will answer your questions.

I hope to see you there!

**Congressman Alan Lowenthal**  
*invites you to a ...*

**COMMUNITY COFFEE**

Join me for a cup of coffee and conversation about the issues facing our community and nation. I will provide a Congressional update and answer your questions.

**Date:** Saturday, March 22, 2014  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:**  
EXPO Arts Center  
4321 Atlantic Avenue  
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### Long Beach Students Say "No" To Fracking

Congratulations to Emma Larson, Michaela Capps, and Sarah Highducheck, freshmen at Long Beach Poly High School, Grand Prize winners in C-SPAN's national 2014 C-SPAN StudentCam competition for their video entitled, "Earth First, Fracking Second." This documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. ET and throughout the day on April 29, 2014.

These three talented high school students got it right: Hydraulic fracturing must be regulated for the protection of our environment and our communities.



[Click here](#) or the image above to watch "Earth First, Fracking Second."

## Congress U

### "Mark-up"

When a bill is introduced by a Member of Congress, it is then referred to the relevant House Committee. For example, a bill that relates to veterans' benefits would be referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Once the bill is received, the Committee convenes and its members offer and vote on proposed changes to the bill's language, known as amendments. Most mark-ups end with a vote to send the new or "marked-up" version of the bill to the floor for the full House to consider.

## Last Week's Poll

### What do you think is the best form of clean energy for California?

*(respondents could select more than one answer)*

Wind - **20.5%**  
Solar - **70.6%**  
Hydro - **11.3%**  
Advanced biofuels - **0.0%**  
Geothermal - **10.3%**  
None - clean energy is  
unrealistic for California - **11.7%**  
I do not know - **7.7%**

Thank you,

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