



# The 47th Flyer

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



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I am pleased to announce the release of Vietnamese democracy activist Nguyen Tien Trung, who was jailed by the Hanoi government in 2009 and whom I adopted through the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission's "Defending Freedoms Project." While I think this is a good step, the government of Vietnam has a long way to go in respecting the fundamental human rights of its own people, and I will continue fighting to ensure that Trung is not the last person to be released from unfair and unjust imprisonment in Vietnam.

Learn more about my fight for global human rights by visiting my website: <http://1.usa.gov/1ncsUdn>

## In The 47th District

### Reminder: Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, April 26th

Please join me next Saturday at the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library for a coffee and conversation about the critical issues that affect our district.

To attend, RSVP to my Long Beach office at (562) 436-3828.

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**Should the United States continue trade relations with countries that disregard globally-accepted standards of human rights?**

YES - Maintaining global trade relations is more important than upholding basic human rights

YES - We should continue trading, but we should also push for human rights improvements

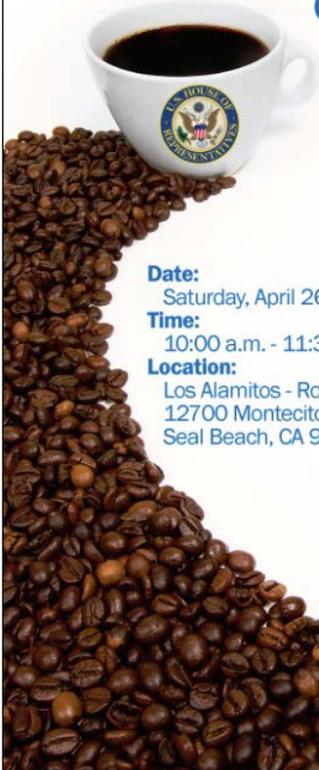
MAYBE - We should trade with some countries that violate human rights, but not others

NO - We should not trade with any country that blatantly violates the human rights of its people

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**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, April 26, 2014

**Time:**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:**  
Los Alamitos - Rossmoor Library  
12700 Montecito Rd  
Seal Beach, CA 90740



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### The Long Beach College Promise

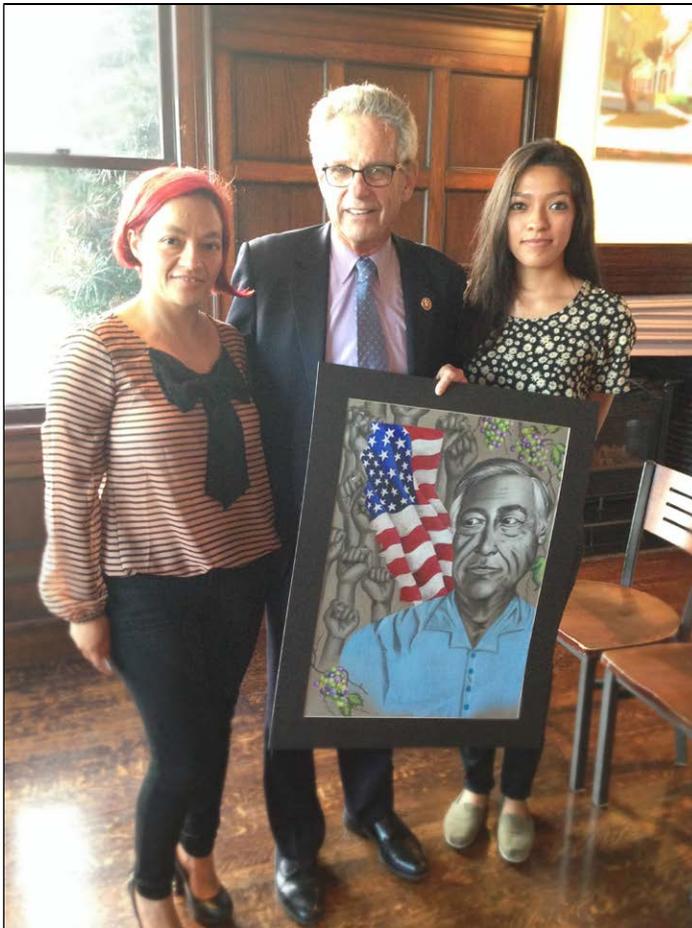
On Monday, I had the pleasure of speaking at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) to honor the 6th anniversary of the Long Beach College Promise Partnership, which I have helped champion, and to receive the Inaugural College Promise Champion Award. One of the many highlights of the event was when students and their parents spoke about their own experiences in the program,

This innovative partnership is designed to improve college preparation, access and completion for graduates of Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). As part of the partnership, LBUSD graduates receive guaranteed admission to CSULB or a Promise Scholarship to cover the first semester enrollment fees at Long Beach City College. In order to be eligible for the Tuition Free Semester at LBCC, students must graduate from a local high school and enroll at LBCC the fall semester immediately after graduation; and, in order to be guaranteed admission to CSULB, students must meet the minimum CSU admission requirements, which includes completing the "A - G" college entrance coursework in high school.



### A Reception for the Arts

On Wednesday night at the Long Beach Museum of Art, I was proud to recognize the three winners of my Congressional Arts Competition, including First Place Winner Alepsis Hernandez who submitted her work "America for All." Here I am with Alepsis and her mother.



## Cambodian Genocide Commemoration Day

Last night, I joined with the Cambodian community in Long Beach to remember the Cambodian genocide and the Khmer Rouge regime (killing fields) More than 2 million Cambodians lost their lives.

It was an honor to be the keynote speaker and to remember those who fought, those who resisted, those who survived, and those who perished.

As a child, I remember seeing the effects of the Holocaust on my family and my community; I remember the heartache, and I remember the strength and perseverance of my family and community. As a Jew I can say with no hesitation that I understand our responsibility to never forget.

Earlier this year, I introduced a resolution on the floor of the House of Representatives to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide.

I encourage you to learn more about my resolution by following this link: <http://1.usa.gov/1hTjhNO>

We must never forget the tragedy of the Cambodian Genocide.

## On The Hill

Last week, I spoke once again on the House floor to highlight a study by researcher, former director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, and member of the National Science Board Dr. James Powell that highlights the overwhelming consensus among the scientific community that humans have significantly contributed to climate change.



Please click the picture above or visit <http://youtu.be/7KRI4hbXShU> to watch my full speech.

## Rep. Paul Ryan's Budget

Last week, the House voted on Rep. Paul Ryan's budget proposal. His proposal establishes the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and sets forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024.

I voted "no" on this proposed budget because it proposes drastic cuts to many of our nation's essential programs, such as education, public safety, and medical research. The Ryan Budget gets 69 percent of its cuts from programs benefiting our most vulnerable Americans, including programs such as Medicaid, SNAP (formerly food stamps), and Pell Grants for low and moderate income students. Furthermore, the Ryan budget cuts an additional \$385 billion from many mandatory programs for low- and moderate-income Americans, such as Supplemental Security Income for the elderly and disabled, the school lunch and child nutrition programs, and the Earned Income and Child Tax Credits for lower-

income working families. This budget would be devastating to working families.

Unfortunately, it passed the House by a vote of 219 to 205. It now resides in the Senate where it awaits further analysis, debate, and a vote.

### The CIA's Interrogation Program

Earlier last week, I joined Congressman Adam Schiff in sending a letter to President Obama about declassifying the Senate report on the Central Intelligence Agency's interrogation program during the War on Terror. Here is brief excerpt from the letter:

"Together we stand, as we know you do, for the proposition that our nation should set an example for the world in humane treatment of detainees and abiding by the rule of law. Part of that commitment means acknowledging times when we failed to live up to our values and our laws, even when doing so is uncomfortable. We urge you to take this opportunity to cast some new light on a dark period in our history. The sooner the summary of the report and its findings are made public in their entirety, the sooner we can move on from this unfortunate chapter in our history."

To read more about our letter, please see the latest article in The Hill: <http://bit.ly/1qox0hM>

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### "Concurrent Resolution"

A concurrent resolution is a legislative proposal, such as Rep. Paul Ryan's budget proposal I mentioned above, that requires the approval of both houses of Congress. Concurrent resolutions do not require the signature of the President, nor do they have the force of law. Such legislation serves to express the opinions of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Not only can concurrent resolutions be used to express opinions on legislative proposals, but they can also be used to convey congratulations to another country. For example a concurrent resolution can be used to congratulate a country on the anniversary of their independence.

## Last Week's Poll

### Should the House extend emergency unemployment insurance for the long-term unemployed through the end of May?

**44.9% YES** - Millions of long-term out-of-work Americans are counting on Congress to extend emergency unemployment insurance

**14.1% MAYBE** - The House should consider a different piece of legislation that helps long-term out-of-work Americans

**38.5% NO** - Congress should not extend emergency unemployment insurance for the millions of long-term out-of-work Americans

**2.6% I DON'T KNOW**

Thank you,



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