



# The 47th Flyer

News for California's 47th Congressional District  
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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One of the most important roles that Congress has as part of the Constitution's system of checks and balances is the investigative oversight of the Executive Branch. However, this oversight role must be conducted in a fair and transparent manner, or there is the risk of trivializing and marginalizing any future exercise of this oversight role.

Last week, the House of Representatives voted on a resolution that would establish a "Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi."

I agree that we should resolve any unanswered questions about Benghazi, but the investigation must be fair and the results transparent. The newly-formed Select Committee should include an equal number of Democrats and Republicans working together to ensure the bipartisan review of every single piece of evidence. I voted against the Select Committee resolution because it did not meet this criteria.

If we truly want to move beyond this issue, we must have a reasonable and bipartisan effort to obtain the facts. The American people deserve nothing less.

## In The 47th District

### Recap: Service Academy Night In Cypress

I was honored to host a Service Academy Night in Cypress on Wednesday. It was great to meet with more than 50 parents and their high school students who are interested in attending our nation's prestigious military service academies.

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#### Are hiring tax credits good for America's small businesses?

Yes - They incentivize businesses to hire workers and grow our economy

Maybe - Not enough businesses know that hiring tax credits exist

No - The cost of the tax credits will only add to our deficit

I do not know

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My office helps nominate distinguished and outstanding high school students from across our district to attend one of our nation's service academies. I encourage you to learn more about service academy nominations by visiting: <http://lowenthal.house.gov/constituent-services/service-academy-nominations.htm>

### **Dedication to U.S. Coast Guard Officer Terrell Horne III**

I was honored to attend the naming dedication of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) building in San Pedro for heroic USCG Senior Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne, III who sacrificed himself to save fellow crewmembers during a counter-smuggling operation off the coast of California in 2012. It is a little overwhelming to hear the story of such great courage and such devotion to others. It must be said again, he disregarded his own safety in order to protect his fellow crew members.

You can read more about the naming dedication by clicking [here](#).

You can also view President Obama's citation presented on the posthumous awarding of the Coast Guard Medal to CPO Horne by clicking [here](#).

## **On The Hill**

### **A Strong Voice For Asian Pacific Americans**

The Asian Pacific American community is one of the fastest growing communities in our nation. For two decades, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus has served as one of this community's strongest voices in Congress and I am proud to celebrate their 20th anniversary this week. I continue to be impressed by CAPAC's commitment to key issues important to the Asian Pacific American community like immigration reform, helping small business, and accessible and affordable health care. I know that CAPAC will continue to thrive and succeed as an advocate for Asian Pacific American communities across our country. As the representative of many different Asian Pacific Islander communities in California's 47th District, I look forward to continuing to work with CAPAC on issues important to these communities.

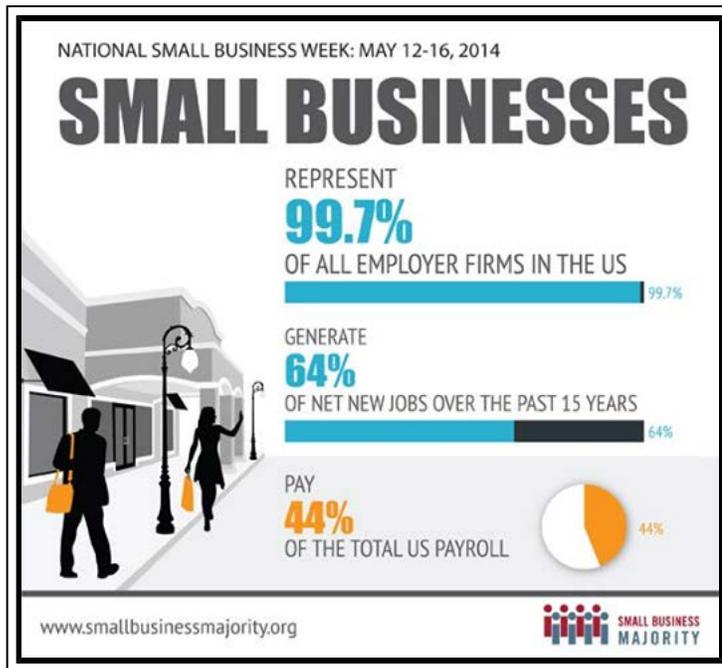
### **National Small Business Week**

This week marks National Small Business Week. Here's to the 47th District's small businesses and all that they do to keep our local economy strong.

Entrepreneurs and small businesses not only embody the spirit of the American Dream, they drive our local and national economies.

I am proud to represent a district that fully embodies the hard work and innovation that have been so integral to the economic development of our country.

As a member of the bipartisan Congressional Small Business Caucus, I am committed to making sure we invest in the drivers of our nation's economy, especially our small businesses, to give Americans the tools they need to succeed and help grow our economy.



I believe that the more Congress is able to focus on empowering small businesses to hire, the more we will be able to transition Americans from unemployment, while creating thousands of jobs and saving millions of taxpayer dollars.

This is why I introduced the "American Unemployed Worker Investment Act," this past December.

At the core of this legislation is a \$4,000 hiring tax credit for small businesses nationwide. By incentivizing small businesses with 11-25 employees with a \$4,000 per new employee tax credit for hiring people who are currently receiving unemployment benefits, I believe we can promote job growth, as well as realize savings in our federal unemployment benefit program.

Learn more about my bill: <http://bit.ly/SmallBizTaxCredits>

## Congress U

### Electronic Voting in the House

Most recorded and roll call votes on the floor of the House, unless the Speaker of the House chooses a different method, are conducted electronically. Every Congress Member is provided with a personalized and unique Vote-ID Card which can be used to vote electronically. Vote stations are positioned at various locations on the floor of the House chamber.



Each vote station has a slot into which the voting card is inserted and is equipped with buttons marked "yea," "nay," and "present." The stations also have an "open" light, which is lit when a vote is in progress and the card station is ready to accept votes. Members vote by inserting the voting card into the card slot and pressing the appropriate button to indicate the Member's choice.

Members, if they wish to skip the electronic voting system, can submit their physical vote on a paper ballot to the Tally Clerk, who then records the vote electronically according to the indicated preference of the Member. Like the buttons on the electronic card stations, the paper ballots are green for "yea," red for "nay," and amber for "present."

The first electronic votes on the floor were held January 23, 1973.

### Last Week's Poll

#### Do you think there should be a Select Committee on Benghazi?

**37.5% Yes** - The House of Representatives needs to find the truth about Benghazi

**4.8% Maybe** - If it is going to be established, it must include an equal number of Democrats and Republicans working together to ensure the bipartisan review of every single piece of evidence

**53.8% No** - The House of Representatives has spent too much time and money investigating; we have all the answers

**2.1% I do not know**

**1.7% (NO RESPONSE)**

Thank you,

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