



The 47th Flyer

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



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April 11, 2014

This Monday was the 51st anniversary of the Equal Pay Act being signed into law by President John F. Kennedy. This historic act prohibited pay discrimination against women.

Sadly, women still earn on average 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. Congress must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which will ensure equal pay for equal work for all women in the workplace, because when women succeed, America succeeds.

Nationally recognized as "Equal Pay Day," President Obama on Monday announced two new executive actions to help women achieve equal pay for equal work – starting with our federal contractors.

I encourage you to learn more about the executive actions by [clicking here](#).

In The 47th District

Cambodian Culture Festival

Last Sunday, I was proud to participate in Long Beach's Cambodian Culture Festival. This annual festival in Cambodia Town – the mile-long business corridor along Anaheim Street between Atlantic and Junipero Avenues – celebrates the many contributions our Cambodian community, nearly 20,000 strong, has made to the city.



Community Coffee at the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library

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

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

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

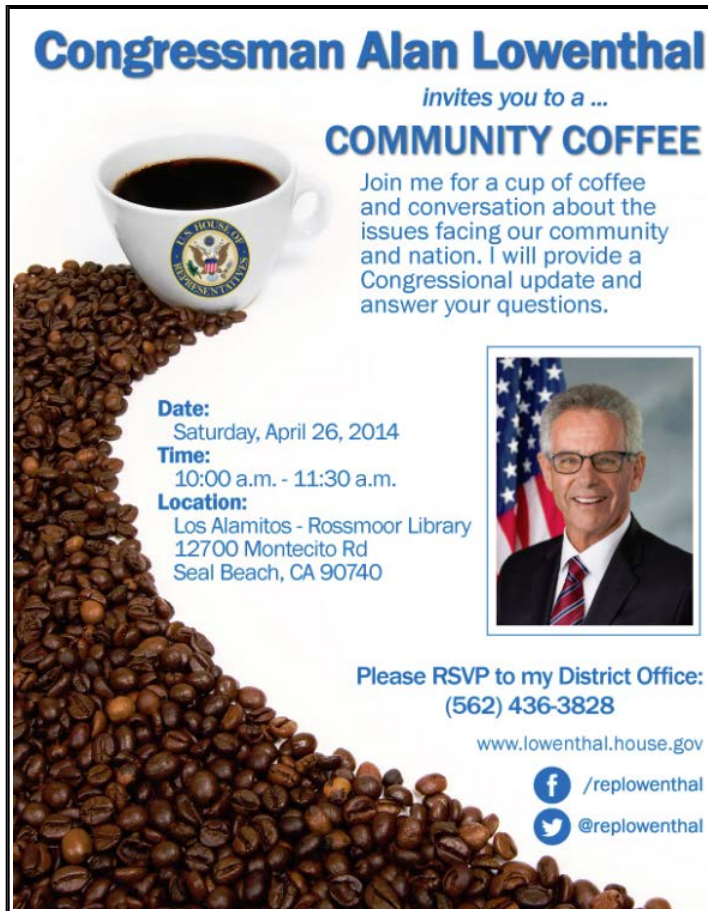
NO - Congress should not extend emergency unemployment insurance for the millions of long-term out-of-work Americans

I DON'T KNOW

[If you have a problem, click here to open survey in a new window](#)

Please join me on Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. for another one of my community coffees. I'll be giving a Congressional update and, as always, taking your questions. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and join the discussion about the important issues impacting our community.

Please RSVP to my Long Beach office at (562) 436-3828.




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 graphic features a white coffee cup with the U.S. House of Representatives seal on it, sitting on a large pile of coffee beans that forms a curved path leading from the cup towards the bottom right. The background is white with blue text and a portrait of Congressman Alan Lowenthal in a suit and glasses, with an American flag behind him.

SAVE THE DATE: Service Academy Night

Every year, my office nominates outstanding high school students to attend one of four service academies – the Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, the Military Academy at West Point, and the Naval Academy. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, does not require a Congressional nomination, but my office still helps students apply.

On Wednesday, May 14th, my office will be hosting a Service Academy Night at the Oxford Academy in Cypress. I encourage you to save the date and pass this invitation along to your friends and family.





On The Hill

The Essential Nature of Discretionary Spending

For the past few days, Congress has been debating various budget proposals, including Congressman Paul Ryan's budget. His budget takes more of a "cut and slash" approach than I would like to see in a budget. Unfortunately, the non-defense discretionary side of the budget – meaning more flexible, non-mandatory spending – has taken a beating over the years with extreme cuts.

Non-defense discretionary spending includes money for education, public safety, clean drinking water, food safety, roads, bridges, and medical research. In my opinion, there is nothing "discretionary" about these programs.

We need to stop using the word 'discretionary,' and instead replace it with "essential." The programs mentioned above, including many more, are all essential programs that keep our country strong, healthy, and safe.

On Wednesday, I spoke out against Rep. Ryan's budget and in support of the Congressional Progressive Caucus' alternative proposed budget, which recognizes non-defense essential spending as an investment in the future of our country.



Click [here](#) or the picture above to watch my speech

STEM Education For Our Nation's Youth

This week, I testified in front of the House Armed Services Committee and requested that they reinstate the Department of Defense's STARBASE program and authorize it at \$30 million.



Click [here](#) or the picture above to watch my testimony.

Providing Science, Technology, Education and Math (STEM) education to America's youth is critical to the global competitiveness of our nation. The Department of Defense's STARBASE program is one of the most cost-effective STEM education programs across all of the federal government, costing an average of only \$343 per student. Last year, 3,062 classes were conducted with students from 413 school districts across the country. In fact, we have a STARBASE program right here in the 47th District at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base.

Learn more about STARBASE by visiting www.dodstarbase.org

Action on Unemployment Insurance

On Monday, the Senate passed the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act by a vote of 59 to 38, which retroactively extends emergency unemployment insurance through the end of May.

Bipartisan action in the Senate on unemployment insurance is a crucial step for economic security for 2.8 million Americans, of which [514,300 are Californians](#), and now is the time for long overdue action in the House. The 2.8 million unemployed were cut off from unemployment insurance on December 28, 2013, and have suffered without resources for three months. The loss of funds for the long-term unemployed has cost our state's economy [more than \\$830 million](#).

The bipartisan Senate agreement, as well as the House companion bill, would:

- Retroactively restore emergency unemployment insurance for five months;
- Exclude millionaires from receiving emergency unemployment insurance;
- Strengthen efforts to help get job seekers back into the workforce;
- Be fully paid for with pension smoothing and extending fees on U.S. customs users through 2024.

It is time for Speaker Boehner and House Republicans to listen to the

American people and restore this vital economic lifeline that helps people support their families and pay their bills while they look for a new job. To force action, not only have I cosponsored Congressman Kildee's companion bill to the Senate bill, but I have joined with 193 of my Democratic colleagues in signing a petition to hold an immediate vote on extending unemployment insurance.

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"House & Senate Gallery"

Each chamber of Congress has a public seating area called a "gallery" that overlooks each chamber. Both galleries have separate seating sections for the public, members of the press and media, staff, and family members. When Congress is in session, people in the gallery must remain silent as members of Congress vote or debate the day's legislative business.



The House gallery reserved for members of the press is located behind the Speaker's rostrum and just in front of the voting board.

When you come to Washington, D.C., my staff can help you and your friends and family get gallery passes so you can experience a little piece of the legislative process. Learn more about visiting Washington, D.C. by going to my website: <http://lowenthal.house.gov/constituent-services/washington-dc.htm>

Last Week's Poll

How do you think Congress should consider the two separate budget proposals?

44.7% Congress should work together to find a compromise between the two proposals

26.7% Congress should pass the President's proposed budget

25.2% Congress should pass Chairman Ryan's proposed budget

3.4 % I do not know

Thank you,

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