



The 47th Flyer

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



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In May, I traveled to Ukraine, met with Ukrainian government and community leaders, and visited the eastern area near the site where Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down last week.

The recent roots of the Flight 17 tragedy are directly connected to the Russian annexation of Crimea and Moscow's continued support of separatists in the eastern region of Ukraine.

While the investigation into the attack on Flight 17 is far from complete, even at this early stage indications are that the Moscow-backed separatists are likely responsible.

The nearly 300 people aboard Flight 17 were innocent victims and my heart goes out to their families. Just as so many times throughout history, it is increasingly likely that the innocent have paid with their lives for the personal and political ambitions of a reckless few.

On The Hill

Rebuilding America's Infrastructure

This week, I voted for a bill to refund the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). This bill is only a short term fix to keep the fund from becoming insolvent in coming months; Going forward, Congress must do the hard work of developing a sustainable funding source for our nation's transportation infrastructure.

The HTF has been severely underfunded for years, preventing our nation from taking the necessary steps to invest in our critical infrastructure.

I believe that regular and effective maintenance of our nation's transportation infrastructure is absolutely essential to our economy and ensuring the regular flow of passengers and freight across our country.

Infrastructure improvement has always been one of my top priorities. As Chair of the California Senate Transportation Committee, I had the chance to oversee and implement improvements across our entire state. In the U.S. House of Representatives, I continue to work to ensure that we maintain our nation's transportation infrastructure.

Vietnamese Freedom and Advocacy Day

I was proud to be part of the Vietnam Freedom and Advocacy Day rally on Capitol Hill today, where I highlighted the serious need for the government of Vietnam to improve its record on human rights before being allowed greater

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Yes, California is too large

Maybe, but six states might not be the correct number

No, California should remain one state

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access to American markets through the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations. Human rights are not negotiable.



In The 47th District

Stanton Coffee


It is always a privilege to meet with my constituents. Thanks to everyone in Stanton who came out last weekend for my latest Coffee and Conversation event for a legislative update and to share their views.



Upcoming Community Coffee in Long Beach

I will be holding another Coffee and Conversation event on August 2 in Long Beach. The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the El Dorado Park West Community Center at 2800 Studebaker Road in Long Beach. I look forward to meeting with everyone, sharing what has been going on in Washington, and listening to your views.


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, August 2, 2014
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Location:
El Dorado Park West
Community Center
2800 Studebaker Road
Long Beach, 90808



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“Calendars”

Congress runs, to some degree, on calendars. The **House Calendar** is a calendar in the House of Representatives that schedules major bills which don't involve money. The calendar can also be defined as a list of all bills reported from committee and eligible for floor action, except bills pertaining to taxation and spending.

The **Union Calendar** is a separate calendar in the House that schedules bills involving money issues. It arose from the requirement in Article One of the United States Constitution that all revenue bills originate in the House of Representatives.

The House Calendar is set by the majority leadership. Currently, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's office maintains the calendar.

Last Week's Poll

How should Congress react to the crisis of unaccompanied children at the border?

53.8% - Strengthen the border and expedite the deportation process

36.9% - Allow children to be processed through the immigration court system and have their asylum cases heard, send those who do not qualify back

9.2% - Allow them all to stay

Thank you,

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